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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### A Surrender

Mr John Foster Dulles has made some startling statements as Secretary of State. But Tuesday's effort beats the lot. It is hard to believe that the roaring lion who expounded the policy of massive retaliation a few years ago could become the lamb who became Tuesday's slithering surrender to the Russians.

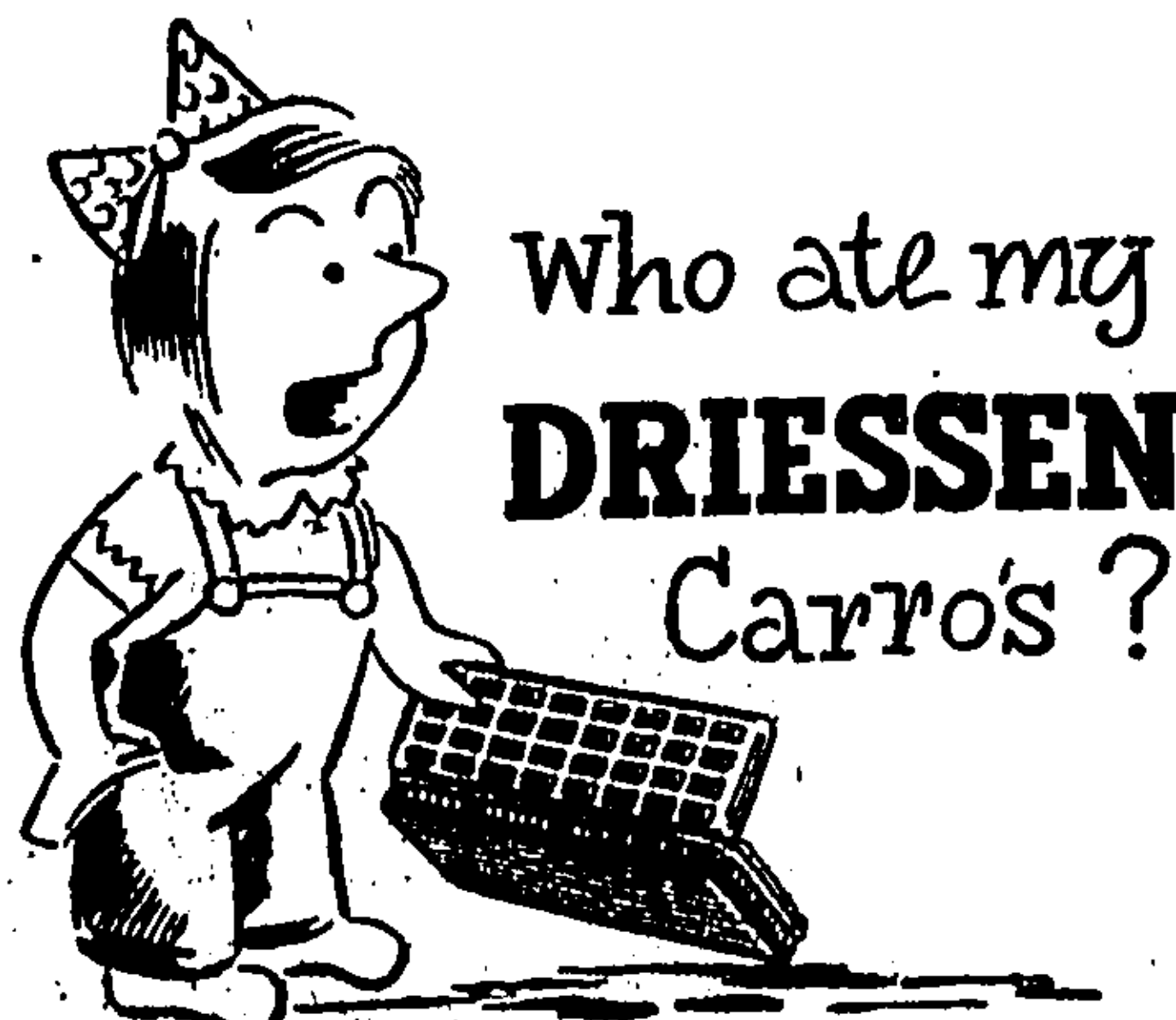
What America has done is to declare its neutrality towards Eastern Europe. Millions of people struggling for nothing more than national independence have been abandoned to the whims of the Soviet forces of occupation. Is brute repression therefore to be overlooked? Are friends to be left in the lurch?

The most lamentable part of his speech was his belief that "the United States does not want to see the Soviet Union ringed by hostile peoples and governments," and he adds, but felt it was up to the Soviet Union to prevent this happening. How could he say this so soon after Hungary? And presumably America's desire not to aggravate Moscow's troubles in the satellites means that even its moral support for the people's rebellion vanishes into thin air.

HERE is the incredible contrast: America condemns Britain and France for invading Egypt to safeguard its interests in defiance of a United Nations resolution, yet it is prepared to give a written guarantee which may in effect mean that Soviet troops and tanks are given a free hand to deal with anti-Russian hostility in the satellites—in defiance of a United Nations resolution. What kind of foreign policy is this?

There is the slight possibility that Mr Dulles does not mean what he says, the possibility that he has again been misunderstood, misinterpreted, misrepresented or misquoted. For he says he hopes the American attitude will allow Eastern Europe to undergo a peaceful evolution to independence.

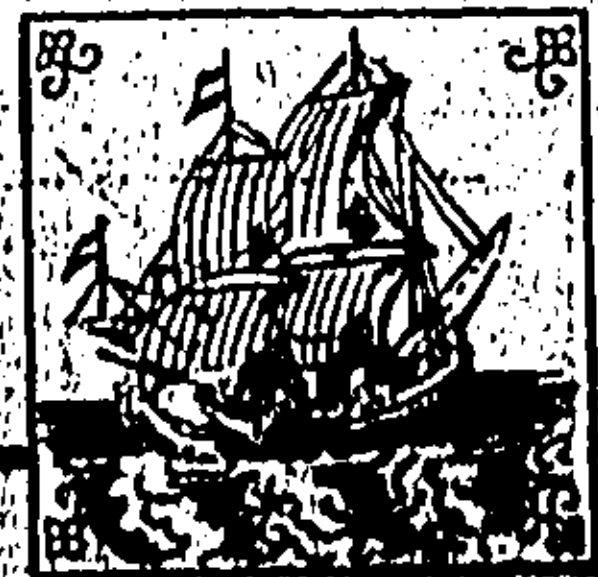
This depends on Russia entirely. So far its attitude is not promising. And if Mr Dulles thinks one statement or even a written guarantee by him will change Soviet suspicion to trust, that is just another reason why he should leave the State Department to someone more stable, consistent and coherent.



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## GREEK GOVT'S "THUMBS DOWN" TO CYPRUS PROPOSALS

Athens, Dec. 19. The Greek Foreign Minister, Mr Evangelos Averoff, tonight listed as "unacceptable" seven of the constitutional provisions in the Radcliffe report on Cyprus published today.

He declared that both the Radcliffe report and the statement by Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, British Colonial Secretary, in London today, were "in-

compatible with the post-war spirit and the high grade civilisation of the Cypriots."

Mr Averoff added: "The Radcliffe constitution aims at the continuation of a colonial status in Cyprus."

Neither the constitution nor Mr Lennox-Boyd's statement created the pre-requisites for the exercise of the self-determination rights which continued to be the main claim of the Cypriots, the Foreign

Minister said. In a communique issued tonight, the Greek government said Mr Lennox-Boyd was told during his visit to Athens last Friday that the Cyprus proposals "do not provide for the exercise of the right of self-determination and do not comply with the principles of the United Nations charter."

The communique added: "The proposals are both undemocratic and unliberal."

"The government therefore unanimously considered that the proposals do not offer a basis for the solution of the Cyprus question."

In New York, Mr Gregory Cassamatis, Greek Minister without portfolio said in a statement tonight that Britain's proposed constitution for Cyprus satisfied "none of the expectations of the Cypriot people."

He said the concept of partitioning Cyprus was "a fresh attempt at politi-

cal blackmail seeking to render impossible the application of the principle of self-determination."

"In view of the forthcoming debate on Greece's appeal on Cyprus in the United Nations General Assembly, Greece calls upon the peoples of the world to contribute with their decision to the eradication of this last vestige of British colonialism in the Middle East." —Reuter.

## Toronto Drama: Refugees Try To Lynch Secret Police Spy

Toronto, Dec. 19. Violent hatred flared in Toronto today among Hungarian refugees when they recognised a member of the Hungarian secret police in their midst. The enraged crowd threatened to hang Gyorgy Boros, who was rescued by policemen and taken into protective custody.

Boros pleaded innocence, saying, "Refugee, refugee." The Hungarians followed him and the police, screaming for head strikes, high and clutched their throats, indicating they wanted to hang him. Inspector William Brownlee said the Immigration Department and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have been asked to probe the matter. The refugees said Boros arrived in Toronto yesterday.

**RUSSIAN SPY** They told the police he served as part of a Russian spy network and would inform the Budapest authorities. They fear reprisals against their relatives in Hungary. Boros was recognised as a secret policeman when he entered a dormitory. His accused was backed in his identification by two friends who said

Boros was masquerading as a refugee. The first accused told the police Boros had shot him during the Hungarian revolution. The police said they had to fight their way to the room where Boros was placed. Inspector Brownlee said: "They were trying for all their worth to get him. They told us that the secret police member had come in with the refugees yesterday."

**"HANG HIM"** He added: "They wanted to liquidate him on the spot and they might have been successful if we hadn't taken precautions." Hungarian secret police hanged rebels from lamp posts in Budapest during the uprising and the refugees wanted the same medicine for Boros. In broken English, they shouted: "Hang him, hang him. Secret police." —United Press.

## Meanwhile In Hungary The Arrests Go On

Vienna, Dec. 19. The recent wave of arrests, now totalling several hundreds according to official figures, continued in Hungary today, and summary courts have passed judgment on persons accused of illegal possession of arms and participation in disorders.

In Budapest, 52 persons were gaoled as a result of a police

roundup yesterday in the railway stations. The Hungarian press itself criticised the way the arrests were made, the methods of detention and the operation of the judicial machinery. The Hungarian trade union newspaper Nepszavart condemned the "excesses of certain judicial organisations", while conceding that "only some of the arrests were unjustified". The newspaper said that factory managers were without news of some of their employees, and that some mothers had been left in ignorance of their sons' whereabouts for a fortnight.

The newspaper, after an investigation into this subject, said these persons had been detained without questioning and had only with difficulty been able to contact lawyers.

**A DISTINCTION** Nepszavart said that some miners and workers had received heavy sentences. The newspaper drew a distinction between the guilt of those taking part in troubles, and those instigating them. It stressed that "bandits and arsonists" were not recruited amongst the workers and students.

There appeared to be little or no improvement in Hungary's economic structure. Sandor Gaspar, Secretary-General of the Hungarian Labour unions, said that unemployment of tens of thousands of workers would be the "painful but inevitable" consequence of the measures which the government would be forced to take "to redress the completely disorganised economy of the country." Among these measures would be the reduction of investments and of the military budget, the closing of factories running at a loss, and the "rationalising" of the bureaucratic machinery. In the "Hungarian capital, the lack of fuel and raw materials continued to hamper production. Workers in some factories which could operate only part-time, will be employed in only a few weeks."

## Strikers Clash With Workers

Singapore, Dec. 19. Fifteen people were injured during a half-hour rioting between strikers and new workers at the Lee pineapple factory at Seadul Road, Johore Bahru today, police reported. Twenty-four rioters, including women were arrested by the police. The trouble started when more than 150 strikers picketed the factory gates to prevent new workers from reporting for duty. When the workers refused to be intimidated the strikers attacked them with bottles and stones. —Reuter.

## POSTAL SERVICES PARALYSED

Tokyo, Dec. 19. The 200,000-strong National Japanese Communication Workers Union today began a short term strike which practically paralysed postal communications throughout Japan.

Post office workers in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya and Kobe went on strike demanding a higher year-end bonus.

A union spokesman said a series of strikes which began on November 10 had resulted in the accumulation of 40,300,000 domestic letters, 104,000 air mail letters and 78,000 packages. Deliveries were expected to be delayed from seven to ten days. The spokesman said traditional Japanese new year greeting cards would not be delivered on time as a result of the strike. —Reuter.

## Has Nationality At Last

Hamilton, Ontario, Dec. 19. The parents of 18-month-old Homer Arvanitis have found out his nationality. Until yesterday, they were not sure.

The child was born to Greek parents on a ship of Panamanian registry while en route to Canada. He was named Homer after the ship, but the parents said they did not know whether he was Greek like themselves, Canadian for the land of their adoption, or Panamanian because of the flag under which the ship was sailing. Yesterday the Greek Embassy in Ottawa notified them that Homer was Greek and assumed the citizenship of his father. —United Press.

## Parson's Treason Trials Protest MCC SHOULD STOP PLAYING CRICKET IN SOUTH AFRICA

London, Dec. 19. Father Trevor Huddleston, formerly a pastor in South Africa, today said it was "highly incongruous" that England should play cricket against South Africa during the "treason trials" there. He said that 151 persons, accused of treason, were in a letter to the Liberal MP, Mr. Huddleston, who frequently fell foul of the South African government for his anti-apartheid views. He said that the current "treason trials" were a disgrace.

## HONGKONG'S ROOFTOP DWELLERS AND REFUGEES

London, Dec. 19. Mr John Rankin, a Labour MP, asked the Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, in the House of Commons today what alternative accommodation was provided for 1,600 rooftop dwellers in Hongkong who were rendered homeless by the recent fire and those advised by the Hongkong government to find other accommodation.

Mr Lennox-Boyd said in a written reply: "The only recent fire involved around 500 people who are receiving government relief both being allowed and helped to rebuild their huts. Rooftop dwellers have been advised to find other accommodation because of fire and disease dangers. They cannot take precedence over many other Hongkong people who are in the more urgent need of resettlement."

## 700,000 From China

Mr Reginald Gornsen (Labour) asked how many refugees and others were now living in Hongkong; for how many of these new domestic accommodation had been provided; and how many approximately remain in need of such accommodation.

Mr Lennox-Boyd replied: "There are roughly 700,000 refugees from China in a total population of some two and a half million. About 200,000 people, refugees and others, have been rehoused by the Hongkong government. About 350,000 still await resettlement." —Reuter.

## LIM "QUITE HOPEFUL" OF SUCCESS

The Chief Minister of Singapore, Mr Lim Yew-hock, said tonight in a television programme that he was "quite hopeful" that his next talk would bring success in his negotiations with Britain on the future of Singapore.

Mr Lim was appearing in the "Highlights" programme of the British Broadcasting Corporation, after which he went to the home of the Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, to have dinner with him. The date of his next talk with Mr Lennox-Boyd may then be fixed.

Mr Lim indicated to the British televisioners that he had the same position as his predecessor, Mr David Marshall, on internal security, but he outlined the colonial compromise he was offering to the Colonial Secretary on the composition of the defence and security council. Mr Lim added: "We must

have a united Malaya." The part to be played by the Malayan Federation in his proposed compromise "can only indicate that we are working towards a United Malaya," he said.

Mr Lim stressed that the Singapore Chinese considered Singapore as their home. "There is no question of looking towards Communist China for inspiration," he added. —France-Press.

## Bite Worse Than His Bark

Great Neck, N.Y., Dec. 19. A postman who came back from five years in the Marine Corps in World War II without a scratch filed suit today because of 18 dog bites allegedly suffered in 11 years on the same mail route.

Edward Serven, 42, charged that a black poodle named Cindy, owned by Mr Simone Sampson, not only bit him, but knocked him down, causing a permanent back injury.

After suffering years of torment by the dog, Serven said, the last straw came in September. Cindy bit him three times in the leg, causing him to fall into some shrubs, he said. Then, when he was flat on his back, he added, the dog bit him in the left forearm.

**BEST DEFENCE GONE** Serven said that as a result of his injury he now carried his mail in a special cart. He said that deprived him of his best defence against dogs—a well-aimed swing of his mail bag.

Postal officials in Washington recently became so concerned over the number of postmen bitten by dogs that they held a conference with authorities on house pets. The result was a list of recommended steps to be taken by postmen. Serven maintained these did "no good." —United Press.

## CITIZENSHIP PROPOSAL

Paris, Dec. 19. Mr Robert Schuman, former French Premier and Foreign Minister, today suggested that the Council of Europe should give the Hungarian refugees a "European citizenship." Schuman, one of the first advocates of European unity, also called for renewed efforts to help the refugees find a permanent home. —France-Press.

## COMMONS DEBATES HUNGARY

## Mr Gaitskell's "Ambitious" Scheme

London, Dec. 19. Britain is to resume taking in Hungarian refugees from Austria early in the new year, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, announced in the House of Commons tonight.

Britain received 11,600 Hungarian refugees before the flow was suspended recently because of congestion in the reception centres.

Mr Lloyd was opening a debate on Hungary.

Giving a picture of the situation in Hungary, the Foreign Secretary said it seemed the mass deportations had stopped.

There were reports of large bodies of armed resistance fighters still in the field. But he thought most of the resistance at present was passive.

"The Kadar government has given up all attempt to come to terms and has embarked on a campaign of severe repression aimed at breaking the resistance," he said.

## Spirit Unshaken

But the spirit of the people in face of this "ruthless repression" remained unshaken.

Mr Lloyd said there were reports of the movement of some Soviet troops out of Hungary, but he thought it would be unwise to regard this as the beginning of a withdrawal.

"There is no doubt power still rests with the Soviet military commander and that Soviet troops are available in large numbers to back up the Kadar militia," he said.

Mr Lloyd said Franco and Britain were keeping faith with the United Nations by withdrawing from Port Said. They were entitled to demand that the Soviet Union put some regard to the United Nations resolutions. Russia stood in "flagrant breach" of all the resolutions calling on her to desist from intervention and admit observers to Hungary.

The Foreign Secretary said that, in spite of this, it was urged that a new offer on Germany might be made as a bargain for Soviet withdrawal from Hungary. The Commons should consider exactly what it would imply.

Russia had intervened in Hungary because the population claimed the right to choose its own government and independence—exactly what Britain proposed for Germany in Berlin in 1945 and in Geneva in 1955.

Mr Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labour opposition, urged the government to consider making new proposals on Europe to Russia.

The Russians, facing a very difficult situation, were likely to look ahead at proposals which, so long as they gave them adequate security, involved the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Central and Eastern Europe, he said.

## Facing Dilemma

"They face a dilemma either to use the powers of their armies and repress them or to risk a serious loss of face," he added.

Mr Gaitskell suggested a large neutral area, guaranteed by a security pact, from which forces would be withdrawn both on the Russian side and that of the Western powers.

It offered freedom to the peoples of the "satellite" countries and security to that part of Europe.

It was an ambitious proposal, he said, and he was not asking for any precise answer tonight.

## Initiative Needed

It was not good enough for the government to "sit back awaiting a Russian approach." "It is time we took the initiative," he declared. —Reuter.

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## Sensational Seaside Revelations

Eastbourne, Dec. 19. A 57-YEAR-OLD doctor was charged with the murder of an 81-year-old woman today in what promised to be the opening of the most sensational trial in British criminal history—the "case of the wealthy widows."

Dr John Bodkin Adams, (above) well-to-do, Irish-born physician in this South Coast resort town, was charged with the murder of Mrs Edith Alice Morrell in November 1955. He will appear in an Eastbourne court tomorrow.

The murder charge climaxed one of the most palatial murder investigations in Scotland Yard history and foreshadowed even more sensational developments to come.

Dr Adams was arrested on November 24, following inquiries by Superintendent Herbert Hannam of Scotland Yard, on 13 charges involving offences under the Cremation Act, forgery and larceny. All 13 counts were connected with the wills and estates of several elderly Eastbourne residents. Earlier this year, Mr Hannam led a six-week investigation into the deaths and wills of

20 rich, elderly Eastbourne residents, most of them widows.

Superintendent Hannam, who is known as "The Count", interviewed several relatives of widows who died in the Eastbourne area over a period of some 10 years. He probed reports that widows had been altered shortly before the women died.

Mrs Morrell, with whose death Adams is charged, was the widow of a wealthy food importer. Her body was cremated and her ashes scattered over the English Channel.

The names of three other alleged victims were mentioned in the charges when Adams was first arrested.

The investigation started this year when rumours spread through this fashionable resort where many wealthy widows make their homes. Eastbourne's police chief, Chief Constable Richard Walker, finally called in Scotland Yard. "The Yard sent Hannam, one of the most experienced detectives in the country. Hannam built up a fantastic dossier. Then came today's charge.—United Press.

## Government And American General Abused

— London, Dec. 19.

The House of Commons today again took up the problem of clearing the Suez Canal, but came up with little more than abuse for the Government.

An American general and United States policy in general also came under fire.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, was under fire both from his own Conservative, and from Opposition members, for allegedly bowing to pressure from Egypt, the United States and the United Nations on the slow-moving Canal salvage question. Five Conservative Party members asked for the dismissal of General Raymond Wheeler (US) from his post as UN salvage chief and said they brought the motion "in view of the dilatory and ineffective way in which he is setting about his duties."

## Agreement

Mr Lloyd began by recounting the agreement reached between Anglo-French authorities in Port Said on the use of some of the British and French salvage vessels.

Mr Lloyd said the UN Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, had given the necessary assurances regarding the protection of the vessels and the crews.

"I am now waiting confirmation that there are no further difficulties and that the work being done by the Anglo-French in Port Said can continue," said the Foreign Secretary.

He added that the British offer of other salvage vessels as Port Said remained open. A Liberal Unionist (Conservative) member, Captain James Duncan, described Mr Lloyd's statement as "all very unsatisfactory."

## Giving In

"Doesn't it appear to many people in this country," he asked, "that handing this business over to the world authority seems to be leading to giving in to petty dictators while putting to shame those, like this country, who have acted throughout in the interests of peace?"

His remarks were greeted by Labour leers. Mr Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) said the delay in starting clearing of the Canal was because it could not begin properly until Anglo-French forces had withdrawn.

The delay, he said, was therefore the fault of the British and French.

Mr Lloyd replied: "Mr Noel-Baker is completely wrong. The position he has attributed to the Government is the position taken by Colonel Nasser. We have never accepted that the work should be delayed until our last troops have been evacuated."

Mr Richard Fort (Constitutional) asked Mr Lloyd "why the United States is not putting the same pressure on Egypt via the UN to get the Canal cleared... in the way they put pressure on this country to enforce" the Anglo-French withdrawal from Egypt.

The Foreign Secretary answered: "This is a matter I discussed with Mr Dulles (the US Secretary of State) both when I saw him in Washington and in Paris. And I know the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Harold Macmillan) spoke to the American Secretary of the Treasury (Mr George Humphreys) about the matter."

## Doing Their Best

"I believe the US Government at the present time are doing their best to bring such pressure as they can do on the UN and the Egyptian Government to let this work proceed."

The Labour foreign policy spokesman, Mr Aneurin Bevan, often outspoken against US policy, today defended the Americans and blasted the Eden Government for attacking Egypt in the first place.

He said: "If the Government had not been stupid, the Canal would not be blocked now."—United Press.

## POLES NEED WESTERN AID

Warsaw, Dec. 19.

A Yugoslav delegation which arrived here today will advise Poland to seek Western aid to overcome her economic crisis, informed sources reported.

The delegation is led by Yugoslav Economic chief Svetozar Vukomanovic, who reportedly said during Yugoslav's economic difficulties "to hell with ideology, let's have practical economics."

He played a large part in the negotiations which led to Yugoslavia's acceptance of Western aid. Informed sources said he will tell the Poles that it was only with Western aid that they could get out of their present difficulties, which have threatened to throw the country's economy into chaos.

## NO INFORMATION

No official information was available on the talks the delegation is to have with the United Workers (Communist) Party. It is believed they will not start until tomorrow.

The delegation arrived at Warsaw railway station early this morning in the special carriage attached to a normal train. It was met by members Roman Zambrowski and other Polish party officials, and by Yugoslav Ambassador Milorad Milatovic.

Poland several times has put out feelers on getting aid from the West—particularly from America. There has been general disappointment here that there has been so little response.

Poland has a great current need for hard currency to buy machinery, machine tools and chemical fertiliser.

The Poles had thought of credits in the West to buy these things, since Yugoslavia has successfully obtained similar aid and yet remained a Communist state.

## WITHOUT STRING

They specified, however, that they would only accept aid if it had no strings attached and again they pointed to the Yugoslav example where money and goods have poured in from the United States.

The delegation was welcomed today by the Communist Party organ, Trybuna, which said "we shall never forget the understanding, friendliness and support shown to us by the Yugoslav comrades during the crucial October period."—United Press.

## Nagy's Followers In New Council

Vienna, Dec. 19.

The Hungarian Government today announced the setting up of a new economic planning committee, including several followers of the former Prime Minister, Mr Imre Nagy, and six members of the disbanded Central Workers' Council.

The most important members of the new committee are Mr Antal Apró, Minister of Industry, a member of the former Communist Central Committee, and Mr Sándor Czotter, Minister of Mines.

According to observers, the object of the committee seems to be to obtain the support of a wide section of the community to find a way out of the present economic difficulties. The Government newspaper Nepszabadsag today commented much more mildly than had been expected on the recent speech of Mr Edward Kardell, a Yugoslav vice-president.

## Primarily National

Whereas formerly it had always called the Hungarians rising an out and out "counter-revolution" it said today that "the mass movement after October 23 was primarily national, partly chauvinist, and to a certain extent counter-revolutionary."

This marked a considerable advance in the direction of accepting the attitude of Yugoslavia, observers said. The old custom of placing large illuminated Christmas trees on all the main public squares of Budapest has this year been permitted again, reports reaching here today said. The reports say that, despite the distress and deplorable conditions in Budapest, the people seemed determined to make the most of this abundant harvest.—China Mail Special.

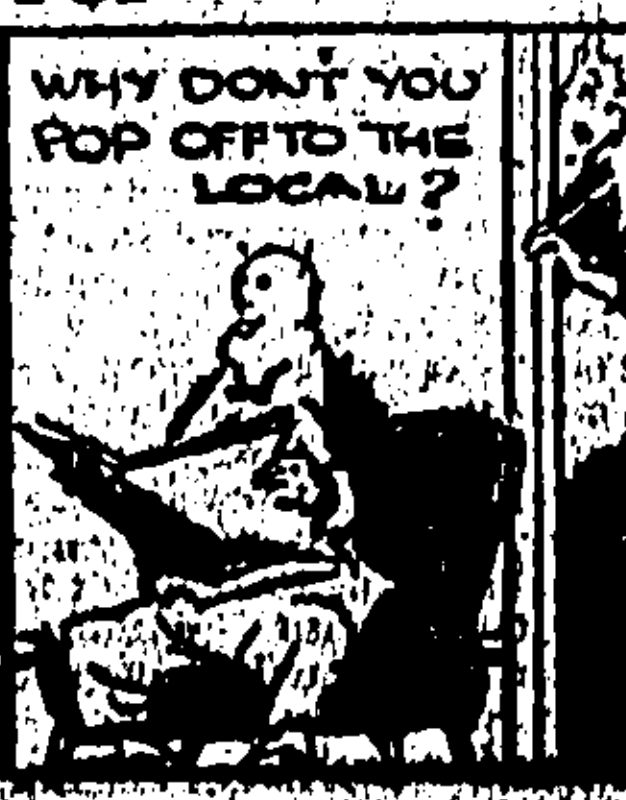
## CIRCUS BRAWL

Calcutta, Dec. 19.

Police used tear gas to break up a brawl which broke out today in front of the ticket office for the Soviet circus here when "house full" notices went up. Six policemen and three members of the crowd were injured.

The brawl started when crowds who had been queuing all night and were still unable to get tickets, noticed some people trying to obtain tickets from the reserved seats box-office.—France-Press.

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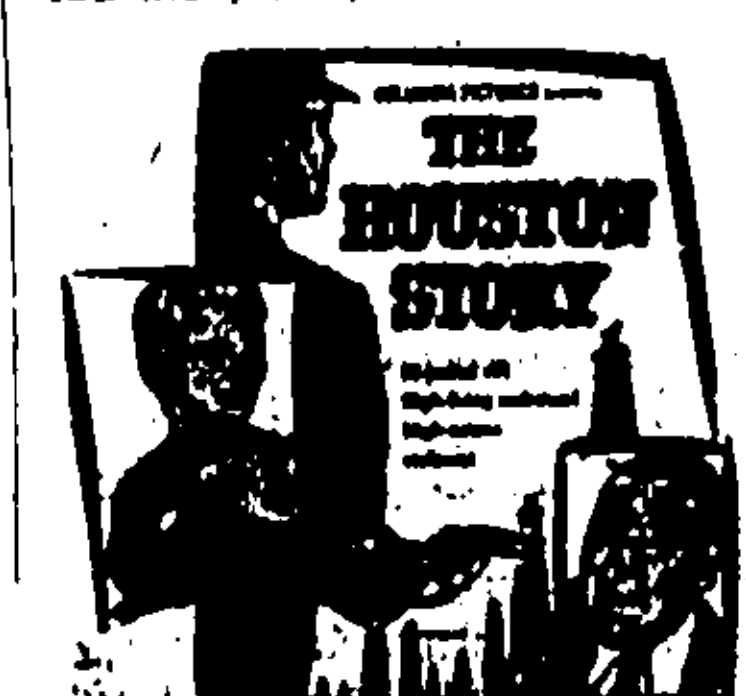
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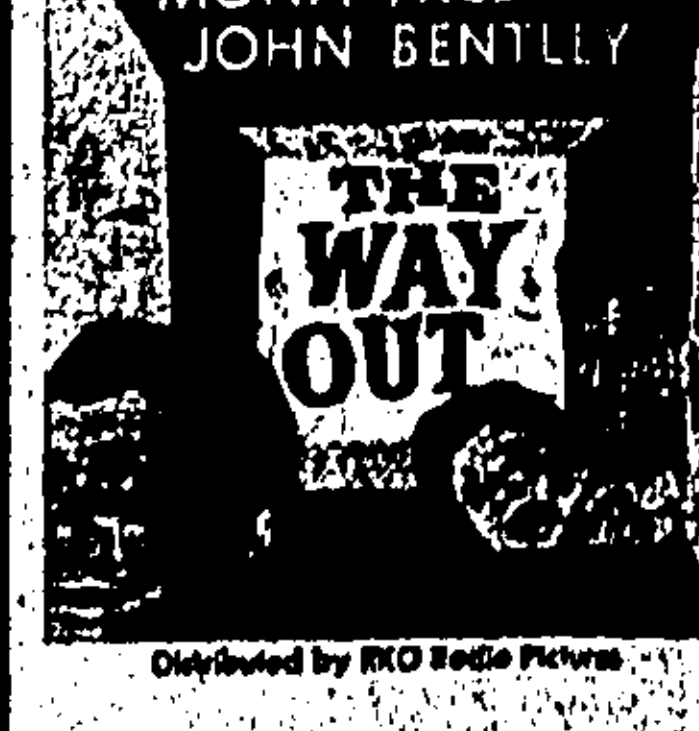
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## Pineau Denies 3-Nation Collusion



M. PINEAU

### FUTURE OF SUEZ CANAL MUST BE SETTLED

Paris, Dec. 19. French Foreign Minister, Christian Pineau, today told the National Assembly that there had been no "collusion" between France, Britain and Israel in attacking Egypt.

Speaking during a foreign policy debate, Pineau said, however, that France and Britain knew of Israel's situation and Egypt's threat and that it was natural for Paris and London to consult in order to decide what they should do.

Pineau said it was understandable that Israel had launched a police action to ward off the threat of "annihilation." He said that official Egyptian documents had been found in the Sinai Peninsula ordering Egyptian commanders to prepare their troops for "the complete destruction of Israel."

#### Decided To Act

The French Foreign Minister said that after the Israeli attack, the French and British Government decided to act, taking into consideration the United Nations failure to settle problems which were outstanding for several years between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

He said the two countries also wished to occupy the Suez Canal zone which was in danger.

Pineau said the British and French also wanted to ward off a Soviet intervention in the Middle East. He said that the Allied operations had not been stopped "prematurely," the Canal would probably have been cleared already, and there would be no crisis in Europe.

The French Foreign Minister said there were four main

reasons for the "premature cessation" of the Allied operation, decided on by Britain and France, "because it was morally and materially impossible for us not to associate ourselves with it."

★ 1. The deep division of British public opinion over the Suez operation.

★ 2. American "pressure," which Pineau said was put more on Britain than on France. He said he was not sure if this pressure "finally served the interests of peace."

★ 3. United Nations recommendations. Pineau commented: "We willingly recognised the weaknesses of this organisation, but it is difficult for us, on account of our democratic traditions, to deliberately ignore its recommendations."

#### Least Important

Pineau said the last and least important consideration had been the Soviet threats.

"Apart from a highly unlikely atomic raid on Cyprus or Tel-Aviv, Soviet intervention could not have taken effect during the two or three days which appeared necessary for the Allied troops to occupy the whole Canal zone," Pineau said.

The French Foreign Minister said: "We are still deeply convinced that a conflict breaking out on the day and on the hour chosen by Colonel Nasser and by the Soviet Government would have had much more serious consequences than those involved in our limited action."

He said that Nasser's prestige had suffered as a result of recent events and that Soviet influence in the Middle East had not been increased by the destruction of Soviet supplied Egyptian war material in the Sinai Desert.

The Franco-British action had also showed up the lack of active solidarity among the Arab countries, who had only backed Nasser by words and votes.

Pineau said that the rapid clearing of the Suez Canal would be a test of the success of the United Nations, and that after this action, the future of the Canal must be settled.

#### Not Alone

"France and Britain are not alone in calling for an international system, guaranteeing them against arbitrary action. Asian interests on this point are exactly the same as those of the West," Pineau said.

Pineau said that a peace treaty should be signed between Israel and the Arab states to supersede the present "armistice" agreements. The peace treaty should guarantee Israel the demilitarisation of the Gaza strip and free traffic through the Canal, he said.

Pineau said that although the French and British had not informed the Americans of the kind of action they were proposing to take, they had not acted "against their allies." They had naturally felt "a certain bitterness" about some American votes at the United Nations," he added.

Pineau said he regretted that the United States had expressed its desire to "retain a wide freedom of action in certain parts of the world" during the recent Atlantic Council meeting in Paris.

He said this attitude was "understandable," but "hardly compatible with the need for a genuinely common action."

Pineau added that the rights and duties of all signatories of a treaty should be "the same for all."

Turning to East-West relations, Pineau said the Russians had not been able to settle the desire for freedom shown by the younger generation in Hungary. The warning signs of an inevitable crisis had appeared even in the Soviet Union.

Pineau said this situation was a dangerous one, because of the possible outbreak of Soviet nuclear war, which would be a disaster for all.



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## Flags Raised For New UN Members

New York, Dec. 19.

The flags of Japan, Morocco, the Sudan and Tunisia were raised outside United Nations headquarters here today to mark the admission of the four new members to the world organisation.

A crowd of some 200 stood in the cold wind as the uniformed UN guards raised the flags of the new roles erected alongside the other 70 in front of the building.

Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, the Japanese Foreign Minister, was among the diplomats attending the brief ceremony.

Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, the UN Secretary-General said "we are thankful not only for the added strength that the new members bring in their own right, but for something more."

#### DISAGREEMENT

"The raising of these flags for our new members will symbolise a significant fact for our organisation and the world. In days of tension and sometimes acute disagreement within the family of nations, the United Nations has demonstrated that it is a growing and developing force in world affairs."

Mr Hammarskjöld said, "each new step toward universality of membership makes the organisation more representative of the interests and desires of the peoples of the world."

"Each such step enables the United Nations to enter more fully into its most essential role—to work for the reconciliation of the inevitable differences among its members and toward binding them together more closely in efforts to achieve the common purposes of the Charter."

"We welcome Japan, Morocco, the Sudan and Tunisia, as we have welcomed others here and as we hope in the course of time to welcome all the nations of mankind," he declared.

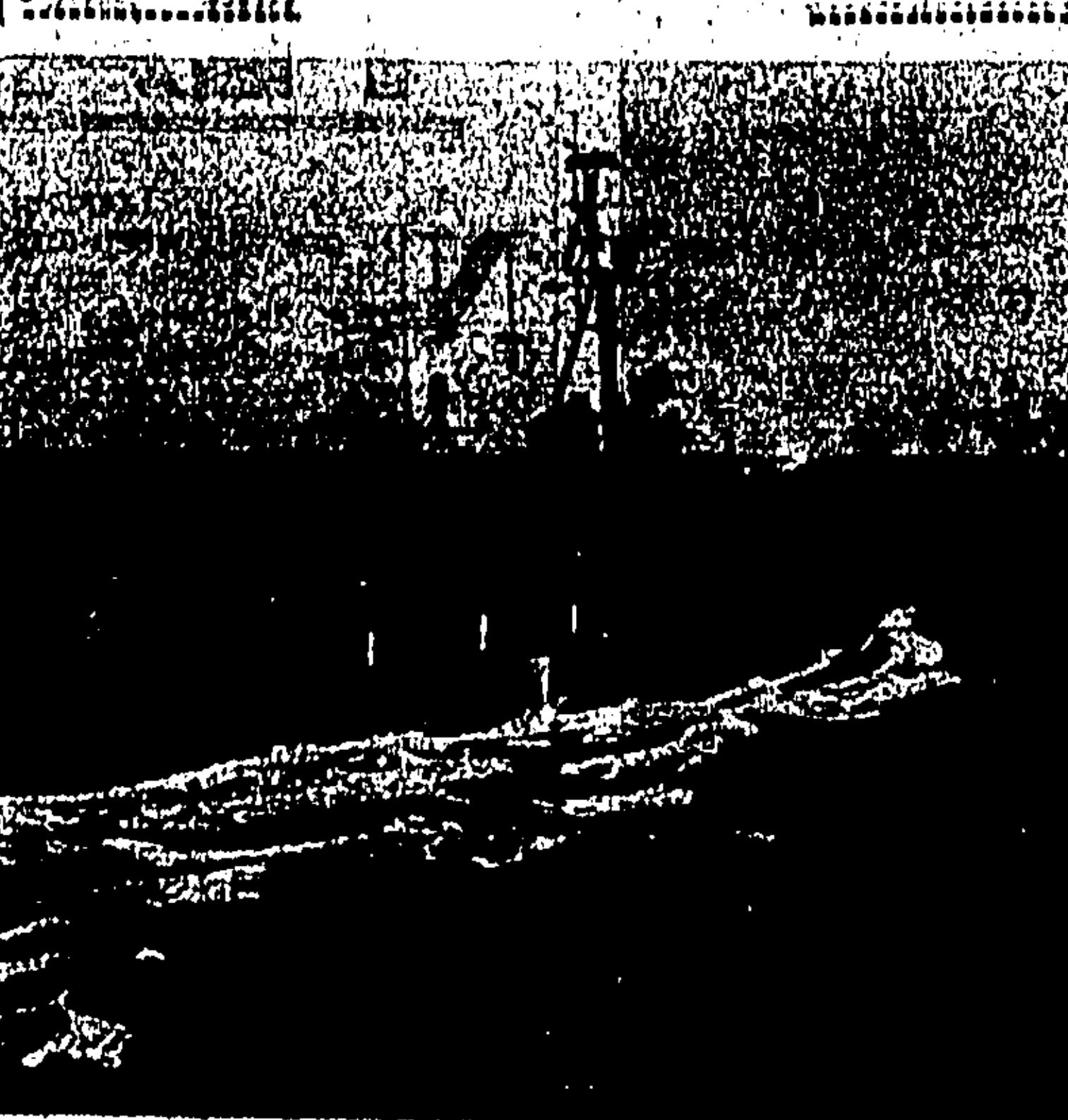
#### KOREAN PLEA

Meanwhile the Republic of Korea today asked the General Assembly to admit it as a member during the present session. Dr Yoo Chan Yang, Korean Ambassador to the United States, said in a statement: "We base our hope on the fact that our request for membership is backed by the largest petition ever presented to the United Nations. It consists of more than ten million signatures of Koreans requesting the admission of our government."

Mr Sparks, who was said by the paper to have flown back to New York from China to stand in the 10-member Council Five against Moscow, was being arrested today.

The firing squads have been waiting. There are many "unidentified" graves, he said. "There are many 'unidentified' graves," he said. "There are many 'unidentified' graves," he said. "There are many 'unidentified' graves," he said.

## US Navy's First Guided Missile Destroyer Undergoing Trials



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## Pravda Attacked By Yugoslav Radio

Belgrade, Dec. 19. Radio Belgrade, commenting tonight on yesterday's attack in the Soviet newspaper Pravda on the Yugoslav Vice-President, Mr Edvard Kardelj, said it was "senseless to go on discussing further the arbitrary constructions of the Moscow Pravda."

Pravda had not published Mr Kardelj's December 7 speech on Hungary, which was the object of its attack. Nor did the Russian press ever publish President Tito's speech of November 11 which has also been attacked by the Soviet press.

"This is a method which can inspire neither serious discussion nor the expression of serious thoughts," the radio commentator said.

#### Popular Revolution

In his speech Mr Kardelj told the Yugoslav Parliament that the Hungarian uprising was a popular revolution, which was contrary to the Russian view that it was an organised counter-revolution. He called on the Kadar Government to accept the Workers' Council as representing the popular will.

Pravda sought to refute Mr Kardelj's arguments with numerous quotations from Lenin and accused him of contradicting Marxism-Leninism and of interfering in internal Hungarian affairs.

Belgrade radio said it was easy to take extracts of a speech out of context and construct them with quotations from Lenin but this was not a Leninist method.

## ECOSOC COUNCIL ELECTED

United Nations, Dec. 19. The United Nations General Assembly today elected Mexico, Poland, the Soviet Union, Finland, Britain and Pakistan to the Economic and Social Council (Ecosoc).

It took the Assembly seven ballots to fill the six vacancies in the 18-member Council. Five were elected on the first ballot but Pakistan and Ceylon staged a close battle for the sixth seat.

For Pakistan, Russia and Britain, it was a case of re-election to continue terms expiring at the end of 1956. The others will take seats now held by Czechoslovakia, Ecuador and Norway. — United Press.

## Nasser's Firing Squads Working

New York, Dec. 19. Fred Sparks, New York World Telegram correspondent just back from the Middle East, said in a front-page report today that more than 1,000 Egyptian soldiers and businessmen were being held in custody by Nasser's firing squads. He said the firing squads were working. There are many "unidentified" graves, he said. "There are many 'unidentified' graves," he said. "There are many 'unidentified' graves," he said.

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## WARNING

### Postwar Tokyo Fire Record

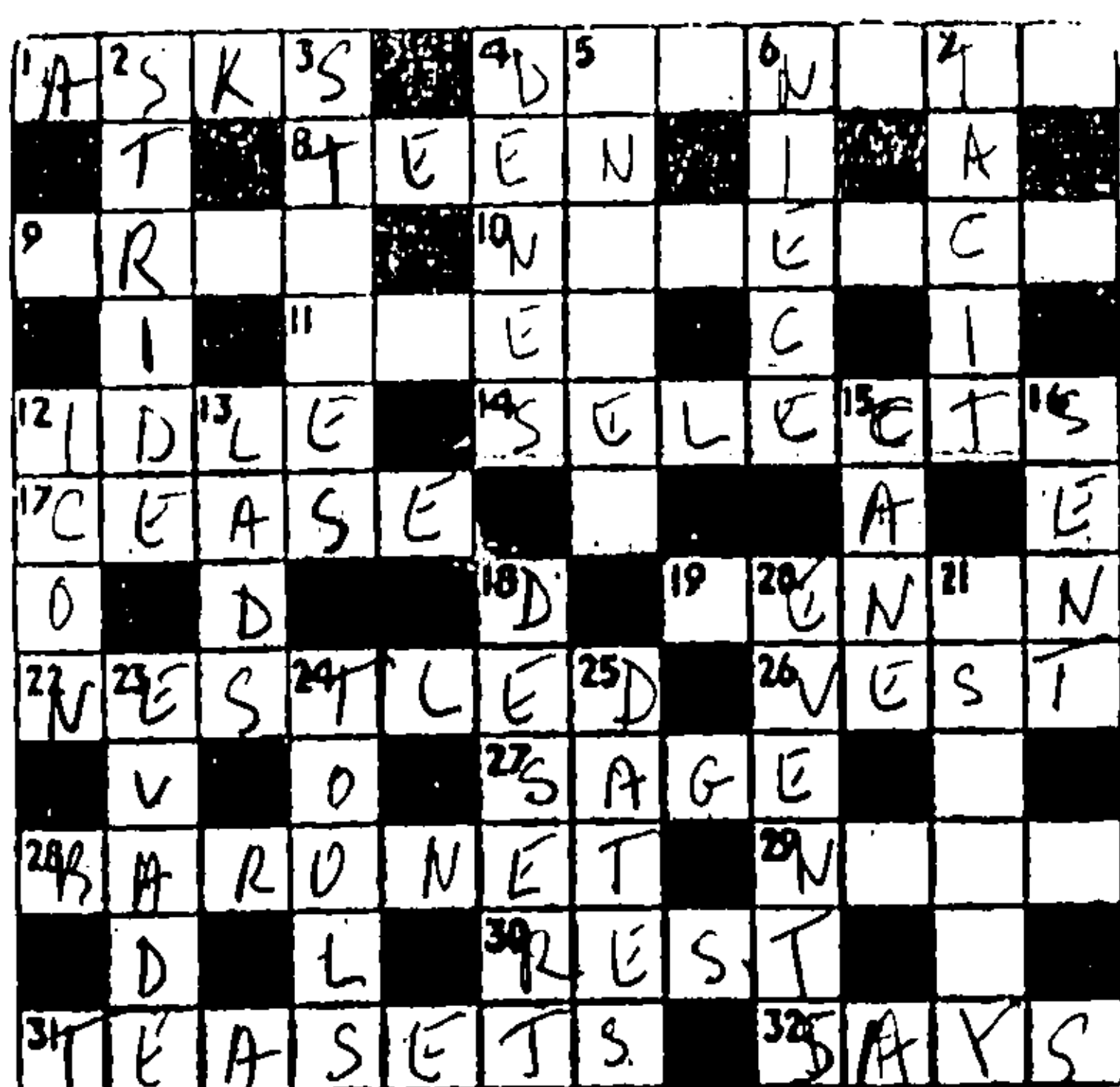
Tokyo, Dec. 19.

Special fire warnings were issued to Tokyo citizens here today following a Fire Board announcement that the capital had set a new postwar fire record in 1956 of 4,098 fires compared to 4,682 during 1955.

A Fire Board spokesman said of the total, 703 fires were caused by the careless handling of portable electric, gas, oil and coal heaters, 200 cases of arson and 131 fires were caused by children playing with fire.

The spokesman said no accurate damage costs had been compiled but it had been estimated by the Board that fires in Tokyo had destroyed property and goods valued at more than three million pounds sterling. — Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Requests (4).
  - 4 Discouraged (7).
  - 8 Abound (4).
  - 9 Therefore (4).
  - 10 Number (7).
  - 11 Is sorry it sounds like a trick (4).
  - 12 Lazy (4).
  - 14 Chooses (7).
  - 17 Stop (5).
  - 19 Kind of saw (5).
  - 22 Snuggled (7).
  - 26 Undergarment (4).
  - 27 Wise (4).
  - 28 Man of little (7).
  - 29 Thames sandbank (4).
  - 30 Repose (4).
  - 31 Collections of crockery (7).
  - 32 Pronounces (4).
- DOWN
- 2 Long pace (10).
  - 3 Stocks (5).
  - 5 Am accused, it seems, to being diverted (10).
  - 6 Relative (5).
  - 7 Precise (5).
  - 12 Sacred figure (4).
  - 13 Boys (4).
  - 15 Chastity (4).
  - 16 Despatched (4).
  - 18 Abandon (9).
  - 20 Happenings (9).
  - 21 Bird of prey (9).
  - 23 Dodge (5).
  - 24 Implements (5).
  - 26 Appointments (colloq.) (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Picnic, 5 Press, 8 Coble, 9 Lesson, 10 Avert, 11 Stone, 12 Ebon, 13 Trite, 14 Esteem, 18 Elated, 20 Dares, 22 Fall, 23 Slips, 25 Amuse, 26 Tumult, 27 Order, 28 Stern, 29 Defiant. Down: 1 Pillared, 2 Customer, 3 Less, 4 Contest, 5 Planted, 6 Ravens, 7 Strut, 8 Immature, 15 Emulated, 16 Eastern, 17 Tempted, 19 Lessor, 21 Admit, 24 Sure.



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# INDIVIDUAL TRIUMPH

## The Man who toppled the Stalin statue

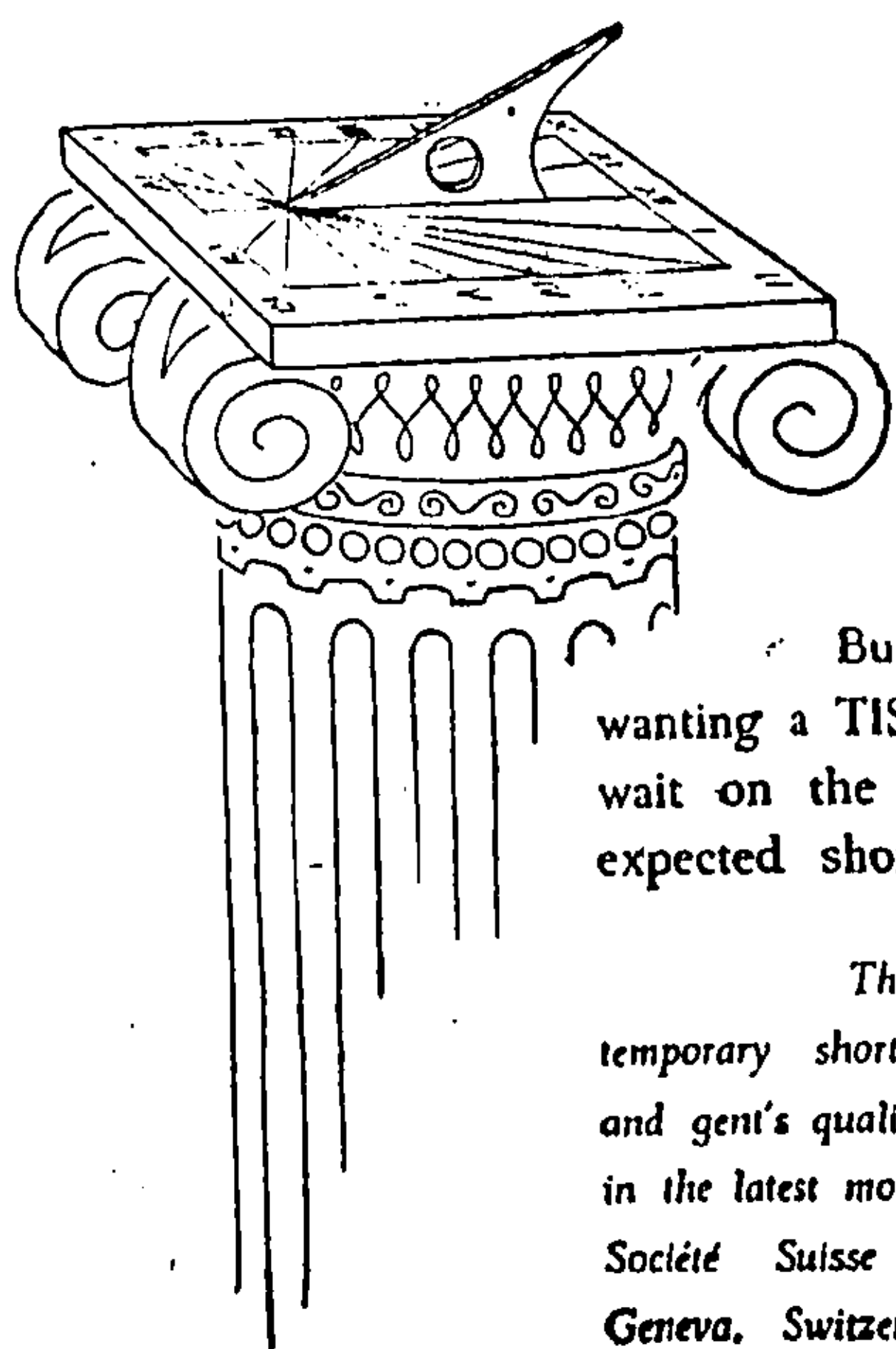


WHAT DANIEL DID IN BUDAPEST

SAFE in London today, the man who executed the year's most shattering symbolic deed, the electrician whose oxyacetylene torch cut down the 20ft. statue of Josef Stalin in Budapest on the night of October 23. His name is Daniel Segó; he is 23; he escaped with his wife and seven-month-old daughter (leaving his car as a bribe to the frontier guards); and is at work again in a dockland factory. Four nights ago he joined other members of his family who have escaped to London, and over the dinner table, recalled "It took me two hours to melt the bronze — six tractors with steel hammers couldn't do it. A crowd of 100,000 watched me. In silence. At last it started to fall. A great shout arose — 'Ned Jaska ha mar gyaszat kezesi!' (Look Joe, it must go, you must go. Don't be so stubborn!)." In the end, the Daniels are stronger than the Stalins.

DANIEL WORKS IN LONDON

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# WEEP NO BITTER TEARS FOR 1956

By Sir Beverley Baxter, MP

London. NO one will weep any bitter tears when the doddering old year of 1956 passes down the stream of time. Certainly we in Britain will not spend money on expensive wreaths to float upon the waters.

It has been a year of false hopes and fierce disillusion, yet it has not been without significance. For example, there was that brief spell of spurious friendliness when those heavenly twins from Moscow, Messrs Bulganin and Khrushchev, invaded Britain with an olive branch stuck in a bottle of brandy. Never in the history of diplomacy has so much brandy been drunk as by Mr Khrushchev, and with so little effect.

At their reception in the gallery of the House of Lords I had a brief chat with both these gentlemen. As they spoke Russian and I spoke English, there was no disagreement; it was an entente without a blemish. If I had said "I hope you will both break your ruddy necks," they would have received it as a compliment.

## SIGNIFICANT

YET 1956 was a significant year. Both autocracy and democracy were under fire, culminating in the fierce controversies over the Anglo-French intervention in Egypt, and the savage actions of the Russians in Hungary.

Nor was America spared by its basic philosophy of isolation. Its system of government proved weak and petulant when the Suez crisis crashed upon the American conscience just at the time it was electing President Eisenhower for another period of peace and prosperity.

Because we in Britain invented parliamentary government it is only natural that we should regard our system as the best and the only proper way of maintaining government of the people, for the people, by the people. Each day in Britain the Ministers of State have to face the barrage of question time and the subsequent debates.

If the Prime Minister is not present when a big issue is raised, the House can virtually demand his presence. But is this system really so much better than the American? My first doubts came when I talked with President Truman on a day in January, on the eve of his surprising but triumphant re-election. I had arranged to meet him at the White House on the morning following his annual State of the Union speech.

Never have I read such a storm of criticism and sheer abuse as appeared in many of the newspapers that morning. Mr Truman was likened to a low-down trickster. What a time to meet the President!

After an exchange of courtesies I said to him: "Mr President, as a journalist and a politician, I must express some surprise."

"At what?" he asked. "At your desk," I answered. "I would have thought that it would be covered with newspaper cuttings about your State of the Union speech. You had a very bad press."

With a chuckle he answered that there was no reason to waste a lot of time on his press cuttings. "I know what the newspaper boys are going to say — the whole lot of them. Then he smiled. 'If any of them were stuck I could have written their editorials for them.'"

His manner did not change at all. He was calm, concise, and there was a likable touch of humour in his voice. What ever was his inner thoughts, he was outwardly imperturbable.

## CONTRAST

CHANGING the subject, he talked of how American law was based upon English jurisprudence, and his warmth of feeling for Great Britain was genuine and deep. In his room was a big globe of the world on a swivel.

"General Eisenhower gave me that," he said. "And I always keep before me the part of the world where our trouble is coming from. I'll show you." Whereupon we walked to the globe and he pointed to Korea, then almost an unknown name.

It was no surprise to me when a couple of months later he was re-elected President. I could have got odds of twenty to one against him in New York if I had trusted my judgment.

New York did not give him a dog's chance. In describing that meeting, my purpose is not to extol Harry Truman but rather to contrast his position as a President under a furious attack with the position of Anthony Eden during the fury of the Suez affair.

Another fundamental difference from the British system is that the members of the President's Cabinet also do not sit in the Houses of Parliament. In short the American political structure is on a four-tier base:

1. The President.
2. The Administration.
3. The Elected Congress.
4. The Senate.

Since the President appoints his Ministers it might be agreed that he and the Administration are a unit, except for one thing. The President, and only the President, can declare war.

Yet the President is not a remote figure. For example, as I explained recently, he meets the Press regularly in the White House, and questions are fired at him from all sides by the political correspondents of America's newspapers.

I attended one of these conferences during the Hitler war and was much struck by the skill and good humour with which President Roosevelt parried the skilful and troublesome questions thrown at him.

Now let us contrast this with the ordeal undergone by Sir Anthony Eden during the Suez affair. Not only did he have to confer endlessly with his Cabinet but he had to face the House of Commons.

Violent emotion is seldom a good counsellor to the mind. Winston Churchill was howled down in the Abolition crisis until he could make himself heard no longer, and he stood out of the House. Yet he should have been heard to the end even if his judgment was wrong.

Then there was that terrible moment in September 1939 when, on the Saturday night, the angry Tories shouted to the Socialist leader to speak for England because Chamberlain had failed to declare war on Germany.

How could Chamberlain explain that the French Government had informed him that they were moving up their troops to battle stations and it would be

sheer idocy to provoke the Germans to attack.

The year 1957 is going to be a testing year. We shall need cool judgment in our Parliaments unless we are going to exchange debate by argument for sheer noise.

In other words democracy must subject itself to discipline or it will be overcome by totalitarianism which tramples free expression underfoot and answers to no one but itself.

# Why Girls In Their Twenties Trust Men In Their Forties

By ANNE EDWARDS

LOOK out, Young Men, you are going West. You are the men that the girls are leaving behind them. For a glance at some recent famous attachments proves that the girls who are pretty enough to be choosers are choosing men old enough to be their fathers.

Take a look at this list. Jean-Pierre Aumont, the French film star, is 44. His bride is 23. Mike Todd, 48, is going to marry Elizabeth Taylor, aged 24. Gregory Peck, 41, has a new wife, aged 27. Jean Anouilh, the playwright, is 46, and his wife is 29.

Two famous married couples are the Mel Ferrers (He 40, She 20) and the Rubins (He 47, She 19).

Now I think I know why the twenties have a taste for the forties. Girls have tried the fifty-fifty principle, the equal partnership basis, the I-can-look-after-myself approach.

AND they're going right back to the Victorian view. For if you marry a man 20 years older than you are you'll get someone to look after you who is likely to know how.

Someone to advise you whose advice you'll take. Someone whose job and character are fixed, so you don't have to put up with endless discussions about whether perhaps he hadn't better become a writer instead of a lawyer or Canada and try over there.

Or 30.  
Or 50.  
Or 60.

When he's 40 he's liable to be richer than when he's 20. When he's 40 he's got a pretty smooth courting technique—he's used it so often before.

When he's 40 he isn't tied to his mother and he can take a firmer line with yours. But for all the advantages there are some snags. He is liable to collect some domestic attachments you can't get rid of; the house you don't like but he wouldn't hear of changing.

The daily help he won't give because she's been there for 20 years. The hobby you can't share and he won't give up.

## OLD FLAMES

IT'S no good trying to convert him to your tastes. If he can't dance at 40 it's no use trying to teach him. If he doesn't like Frost it's no good giving it to him.

And it's no good trying to get to the bottom of his past. If you are going to get jealous of every woman he has known in 40 years you won't have much time for anything else.

"There is absolutely no point," said a sweet and-23 bride in 46, "in my asking him every time we see a pretty woman he knows 'Was she a girl friend of yours?' because the answer is always 'Yes.'"

Some might add that there is a special danger in having your 20-year-old girl friends around—if you marry a man of 40. But no more, I'd think, than if you marry a man of 20.

Or 30.  
Or 50.  
Or 60.

# IN THE LEBANON—IT IS DIRTY WORK AS USUAL

By JOHN McKENNA

THE Lebanese sometimes despair of their Syrian neighbours. Often, from here, events over the mountains in Damascus have a curious Alice-in-Wonderland look. Usually, even in their despair, the Lebanese are sympathetic and they smile tolerantly.

Today, the shrewd merchants of Beirut are worried—and a little angry.

In the last year, £20,000,000 worth of Soviet and satellite arms have been delivered to Syria. In the past three years, the Syrians have concluded barter trade agreements with Russia, China, East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria—the works.

In short, and bluntly, the Russians have been slowly consolidating a stranglehold on the Syrian economy.

## Real Power

More important, the Communist advisers who have come with the arms have virtually taken over the Syrian army—to the delight, be it said, of the army, which is the only real power in the country.

There is one mitigating factor. The Syrians are woefully inefficient. As a result of the slow-moving bureaucratic machine, the losses of government control, and the inevitable interference of the Soviet economic advisers, the Syrian economy has been far less successful than it should have been.

Reirut. Last year, only 10 per cent of Syria's £70,000,000 worth of imports came from the Communist bloc and, of the £63,000,000 "credit" by Russia, only £3,500,000 has actually filtered through.

Furthermore, there is little sign that the Syrians are capable of operating more than a fraction of the military equipment pouring in.

Finally, there are, at the moment, two governments in operation.

That is why, while the official Syrian government ordered the protection of the vital and profitable oil pipelines, the unofficial government (the Syrian army) blew them up.

And that is why, as I write this, nothing effective can be done to patch the lines up.

The formal government still stands. But the army has taken over the newspapers and the radio stations and several government departments.

This explains why, although the government long ago put the army under Egyptian command, there seems to be very little machinery for putting that command into effect.

The two "governments" are not, of course, particularly opposed to one another on principle. There are pro-Russian, Egyptian and pro-Lebanese groups in both. It is a matter of personalities.

The reasons for all this confusion go very far back into history. But you need go back only to the end of the First

World War to understand most of it.

What the history of the last 40 years doesn't explain, economics do.

Perhaps something should be said first about economics. Syria is not a poor country. It is almost entirely an agricultural country. But its agriculture is prosperous enough. Syria has grain in abundance, and its 4,000,000 sheep (more than one sheep for every Syrian) provide the backbone of a flourishing export trade.

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## Musical Chairs

The situation, then, is that government is not particularly important to the bulk of the population, and, in fact, is the biggest trouble.

Jordan would starve without a foreign subsidy. Saudi Arabia would fade into the sand but for Aramco. But most Syrians need worry little about the intricacies of world politics.

The army, of course, is interested. And a small hard core of fanatical Arab nationalists, who want to see Damascus restored to its former glory as the seat of Arab culture, are interested.

Among themselves, these groups play a fantastic game of musical chairs wholly divorced from reality.

And the public seems willing enough to let them go on. As the end of the First World War Syria was detached from

the ruins of the Ottoman Empire and handed to France as a League of Nations mandate.

The French had two aims—they wanted military bases at the eastern end of the Mediterranean and they wanted to spread "French culture" on the North African pattern.

The Syrians wanted neither. For 20 years the French had a time of it. Continuous terrorist activity prevented them from realising any of their aims. They did establish a university and they did spread the French language. But in the end that was to do more harm than good.

After the fall of France, the Free French, under De Gaulle, promised Syrian independence after the war, and the Syrians called a truce.

Then, in 1945, they demanded that the French get out. The French stalled and talked about a treaty. The Syrians said, "The French shelled Damascus. The British intervened and brought peace—at the price of French rage."

The French went quietly. Then the fun started. The Syrian constitution, enacted in 1946, and there were three military coups in that year.

Governments collapsed utterly in each of the two succeeding years and, in 1952, the army finally put its leader, General Sidani, in power as a military dictator.

He lasted for two years and then the army turned him out in favour of a new "democratic" government.

That has lasted until now. But the army has been running what amounts to its own government for some time now, and the country, this week, is under martial law.

None of the coups has made much difference. Each new regime represents an alignment of personalities among the soldiers (the army numbers 23,000) and the politicians.

The gradual infiltration by the Communists is easily understood.

The Syrians want power. They see themselves as the rightful leaders of the Arab world (mainly for cultural reasons, which might have had some force seven or eight hundred years ago, or even two thousand years ago), and they are split only over the question of whether their aims are best served by following Egypt or by following Iraq. In fact, they have love for neither.

## A Madhouse

Power the Russians have to give them on paper at least.

The Russians want trouble. A puffed-up Syria is a guarantee of continuing trouble. And the two oil pipelines are well worth sabotaging any time.

The Russians well realise that the Syrians are not likely to become the power behind an Arab union. But that fact only emboldens them.

There are, of course, Syrians who do not care for the current fantasy. Many of them, also, were French-educated and they suffered accordingly. And in any case, moderate opinion never stands much chance in a madhouse.

So the outlook for the future is simply—dirty work as usual.

## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"And one man in his time plays many parts. Our dear Prime Minister, for example—goes away as Lord Palmerston and comes back as Lord North."



## This Funny World



## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

OF a man who walked three miles on his hands, a commentator said that he had "proved that it could be done."

To all those who have been factious of the fact that the world is a madhouse, people take to their beds. Or, at least, to their sofas.

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Unplayed Ace Saves Bidder

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the most important figures in European bridge for the last 20 years has been Baron Robert de Nexon, president of the European Bridge League. He will serve as non-playing captain of the Italian team, champion of Europe, when they play in New York next January for the world championship.

Nexon's own skill is shown in the way he played the South card, shown here. The bidding may not be to everybody's taste, but the final contract was certainly logical enough.

West opened the three of hearts, and East put up the queen. What should South do?

Suppose South wins with the ace and ruffs a heart in dummy. He will be allowed to get to his

NORTH (D) 27			
♠ A J 5			
♥ J			
♦ K Q J 7 5			
♣ A Q 6 3			
WEST			
♠ 10 9 7 3			
♥ 10 5 4 3			
♦ 8 4			
♣ J 9 5			
EAST			
♠ A 8 2			
♥ K Q 8 6			
♦ A 6 2			
♣ K 10 8			
SOUTH			
♠ K Q 8 4			
♥ A 9 2			
♦ 10 9 3			
♣ 7 4 2			
Both sides vul			
North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 3			

hand with the ten of diamonds and then ruff another heart in dummy. Now South gets tangled up and will eventually lose two clubs, the ace of diamonds, and a diamond ruff.

Nexon solved all of his problems by simply refusing the first trick!

East returned a heart, but dummy ruffed and cashed the ace and jack of spades. Declarer could now lead a low diamond to the ten in order to draw the rest of the trumps. He could continue with the diamonds, and still had the ace of hearts to control that suit and thus make sure of his game contract.

## CARD Sense

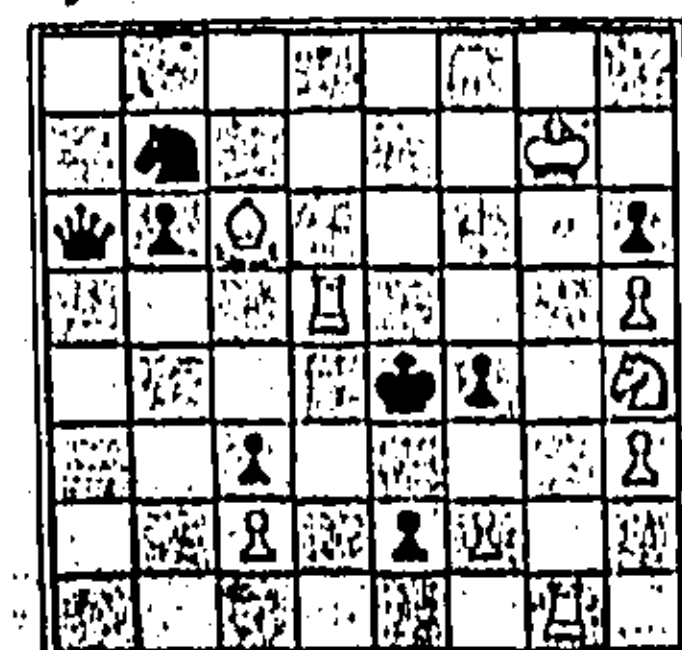
Q—The bidding has been: North East South West  
1 NT Pass 1 ♠  
You, South, hold:  
♠ Q J 9 7 4 ♥ Q J 8 6 3 ♦ K 4 ♣ 2  
What do you do?  
A—Bid three spades. Again you intend to reach game, at spades or hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:  
♠ Q J 9 7 4 ♥ Q J 8 6 3 ♦ K 4 ♣ 2  
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



A problem by W. Grimshaw (Illustrated London News, 1884). White mates in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. ♠c3, ♠d4, ♠e5 (1-3)  
2. ♠c3, ♠d4, ♠e5 (1-3)  
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## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

BORN today, you are one of those individuals of whom it might be said of being a "bundle of temperaments." You are highly emotional and not upon impulse. Sometimes it works out all right. At other times it is just the wrong way to act.

You have a keen mind. Perhaps you should use it more consistently and not jump to conclusions so much of the time. You are sensitive and artistic, yet you have a gift for facts and figures which seems quite unemotional with your other characteristics. Although you want to make friends and influence people, you can sometimes be so frank and blunt that you repel instead of attract them. Often you say things on impulse that you would like to retract the next instant.

You are inclined to worry about things that never happen, while neglecting matters in the very important present. Learn to be calm

under pressure and wire during a crisis. You hesitate asking advice for you are inclined to believe that your ideas are the best. Listen to both sides of a problem before stating your own position.

Naturally loving and affectionate, you hesitate to show your emotions, even toward those you love. An early marriage to someone who understands your rather complex nature would probably be a very fine thing for your future happiness.

Among those born on this date are Harvey Firestone, inventor and manufacturer; William Lunt, statistician; Stephen P. Duggan, diplomat; John C. Goddard, naturalist; Irene Dunne, actress; Culver Vaux, landscape artist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Make the fullest possible use of this day, for there is a great deal to be done and not much time to do it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Act upon significant matters and you will discover that you have better-than-normal success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If there have been unforeseen developments in your life lately, see to it that you make up for lost time now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Cooperative efforts are the best policy now. You will find that behind a family council is wise.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—The day is yours. Use it to your advantage. Those important last-minute things done with a dash. It is up to you to make the most of it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Learn to be content for a real peace of mind. You may grasp something that others might miss.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you have been jumping from one thing to another, then this day is a good time to settle down and do one thing well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Plan to do something that will give you a sense of accomplishment. Do not let the day pass without a sense of achievement.

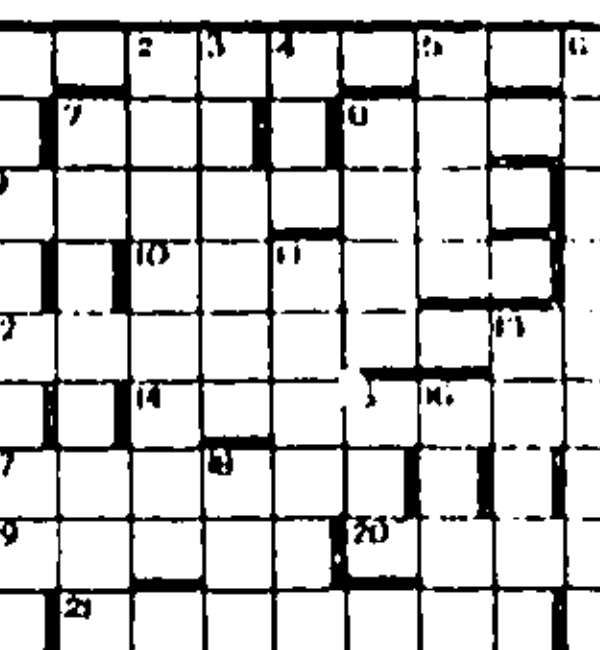
LION (July 23-Aug. 23)—Use the day to your advantage. Do not let the day pass without a sense of achievement.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Save out a little time for a romance even in these busy pre-Christmas days. This can be a joyful time for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Another good day for trying out new ideas and seeing that all necessary details have been completed for the holidays.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—To find a little leisure time for doing down your much too much busy day, can cause waste.

## CROSSWORD



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## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Chirpie's New House

—It Will Be Snug And Warm For Winter—

By MAX TRELL

"YOU look tired, dear," Handi, the shadow girl with the turned-about name, said to Chirpie.

Chirpie was a brown sparrow who came every morning for the bread crumbs which the family who lived in the house was kind enough to leave on the window sill for him.

"Were you out late last night?" Handi went on.

Stretched His Wings  
Chirpie swallowed a few more crumbs—the last few—stretched his wings and yawned.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "I was in bed quite early."

"Then why do you look so tired?" asked Handi.

"I've been house-hunting," Chirpie said.

Handi looked at him in surprise.

"House-hunting? But you've got a house. You're living in the maple tree I even know your address. It's No. 6 Left Hand Branch, Maple-Tree-by-the-Wall, The Garden."

All through this Chirpie shook his head.

"I'm going to move," he said.

"I can't understand why, Chirpie," said Handi. "Don't you like your tree nest any more?"

A Snug Place  
"It isn't that," replied Chirpie. "It's the weather. It's coming on to winter. I've got to find a snug place before it gets too cold."

Then Chirpie told her about a winter house he had found.

"I found it late yesterday afternoon," he said to Handi. "I can't tell you how many others I had looked at before I found this one."

Handi wanted to know where Chirpie's new house was and what it looked like.

## WOMANSENSE

Keep In Trim ... by Ida Jean Kain

## HOW TO COPE WITH COLD WEATHER HUNGER PANGS

THE snappy weather is wonderfully invigorating. That nip in the air sharpens appetite, and you come to the table hungry. At this season an ounce of prevention will save pounds of cure later.

To begin with, do not mistake keener appetite with bigger appetite. It's wonderful to relish food and it is possible to do so without overeating. It's only overeating that stretches the stomach and increases food capacity.

At this season particularly, it is important to have meals that are high in satiety. A hot soup at the beginning of the meal hits the spot. Soup made with skim milk is an excellent way to incorporate milk into the menu. Hot congee gives comfort for practically no calories, and enables you to relax and enjoy the meal. For spice fillers, celery and radishes are crisp and crunchy.

To satisfy appetite, the main course should be hearty—but it need not be heavy in calories. Lean meat heads the list of high satiety foods, so have a generous serving for approximately 250 calories. Trim away all visible fats. You can have almost twice as much lean meat for the same calories as you could if you left the fat on. Knowing this makes you eager to trim off fats.

A small serving of potato with the meat adds to the satiety value of the meal. A half of a baked potato with a half pat of butter tastes so good for a total of 75 calories.

Many factors bring about satiety. The actual bulk of food eaten is important to a sense of fullness. So have low calorie vegetables and a salad. Go light on dressing, have the vegetable without sauce or butter—fats again.

Relax and eat slowly and enjoy your meals. The mechanism of satiety requires a little

time to take effect. Eating slowly and for taste, rather than to merely fill up, is more satisfying.

On a low calorie diet, dinner should not exceed 450 calories. Dessert must be restricted to fruit, a three-quarter ounce wedge of cheese, or any low calorie dessert prepared specially for the dieter.

Here's a tip from a successful dieter: "As soon as I have finished my stimulating meal, I immediately brush my teeth. This removes the taste of food and diminishes the desire to eat more. By this plan I save my teeth and my figure."

## Household Hints

The interior walls of a home can be functional. Movable wood screens, incorporating some ideas from the Japanese, and storage type partitions are the most effective new types.

Attractive screens can be made with standard lumber and are most useful for dividing one large room into separate areas for conversation, dining and games.

Keep slippery materials from sliding off a console sewing machine as you stitch them by fastening an old, turkish towel firmly around the extension leaf.

To remove a grease stain with cleaning fluid, place the stained area face down on an absorbent cloth or blotter, sponge fly on lightly with a cloth. Work lightly and rapidly. Rub lightly with a dry cloth to absorb excess fluid.

Finally, place the fabric on a dry absorbent pad and rub briskly with the palm of your hand in the direction of the weave.

Unless a foundation garment is kept clean, its elasticity soon gives way. The only way to keep it really clean is to wash it regularly and frequently.

—IDA BAILEY ALLEN

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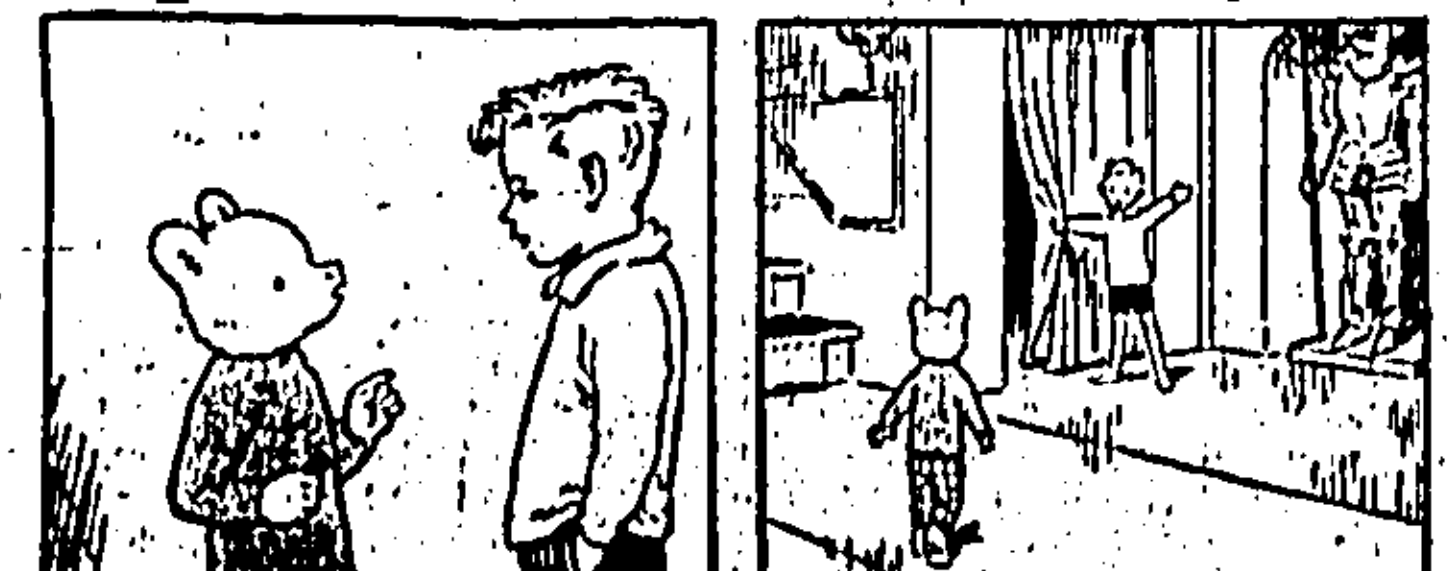
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## Rupert and the Old Chimney—11



Rupert is dressed at Peter's news. Then an idea comes to him. "This is a big house," he says. "Are you quite sure that your presents haven't been put in the wrong place?" And he tells of his meeting with the Gollwey. "My presents were on the

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## BILLY WRIGHT'S SOCCER TALK

## Neil, 18, Has Right Ideas On Soccer

Football is my business, and cash reward always comes into a business proposition, but for all that I've never forgotten that Soccer's a game to be enjoyed.

The new bonuses announced by the Football League are welcome, for while professional football gives many a good living for doing something players enjoy, no one would suggest that our Soccer men are assured of a fortune when they take up the game as a profession.

What does a top-of-the-ladder footballer actually take home out of his maximum wage of £15 a week?

Here are the facts. Speaking for myself, as a bachelor, I reckon the tax man takes around £4 a week.

When I play for England the Football Association pays me a match fee of £50. Once again the tax man takes his share—around £20.

The extra bonuses (£1 for a win, making £3; 10s. for a draw, making 30s.) represent a nice present for around 3,000 professionals.

## I SAY 'PLAY'

But Christmas Day football? That's exactly what a number of people would like to happen, judging by the warm reception given by some clubs to proposals for postponing their Christmas Day matches because of petrol rationing. Once again, too, that small but

palatable minority have come out with the angle that it will at least give some footballers the chance of spending Christmas around the fireside with their families.

This is the kind of talk that gives people a wrong impression of footballers. After all, we are public performers.



If the public, who by supporting football keep the game alive, demand Christmas morning football (and past attendance prove they do) Soccer must provide the goods.

Suppose the bus and train drivers, hotel staffs, and other public servants decided, because it was Christmas, that they would down tools. What an outcry there would be!

Footballers, as I see it, are no different. They are to some extent public servants, although by Football League agreement

no footballer, if he objects to playing for religious reasons (and some do) is forced to play either on Christmas Day or Good Friday.

There's another aspect which must not be overlooked in these days when Soccer is anxious to attract new followers.

On Christmas morning many folk who do not normally attend football matches accompany their friends.

It is a great chance to convert them into becoming regular followers. And if Soccer on Christmas morning can still serve the crowds, I'm all for playing League games.

## WELL DONE, PAT

Just as I favour Christmas Soccer, so do I believe that if a young footballer is good enough he's old enough to play in top-class football and should be given his chance.

The other Tuesday, when Wolves drew 1-1 with Red Banner (Hungary), 18-year-old Pat Neil took time off from his school-books, filled Jimmy Mullin's place on the left-wing, scored a fine goal, and pleased in every way.

As I am now looked upon as an old-timer by some folk I can be permitted to say how much I appreciated young Pat's approach to football.

On several occasions, when he's been training at Wolverhampton, I've travelled on the bus with him to the ground and been most impressed with his enthusiasm and knowledge of the game.

His cucumber coolness was also noticeable before the match with Red Banner. Although brought from school to face some of Europe's Soccer giants he showed the composure of a veteran.



And do you know what he was most anxious to hear from me? "Whether BEARA THE YUGOSLAV GOALKEEPER MOVED WHEN ROGER BYRNE TOOK A PENALTY IN THE RECENT WEMBLEY INTERNATIONAL!"

Apparently there had been a good deal of discussion among Pat's colleagues on the matter and I was able to tell him that Beara IN MY OPINION did definitely move before Byrne hit the ball from the spot.

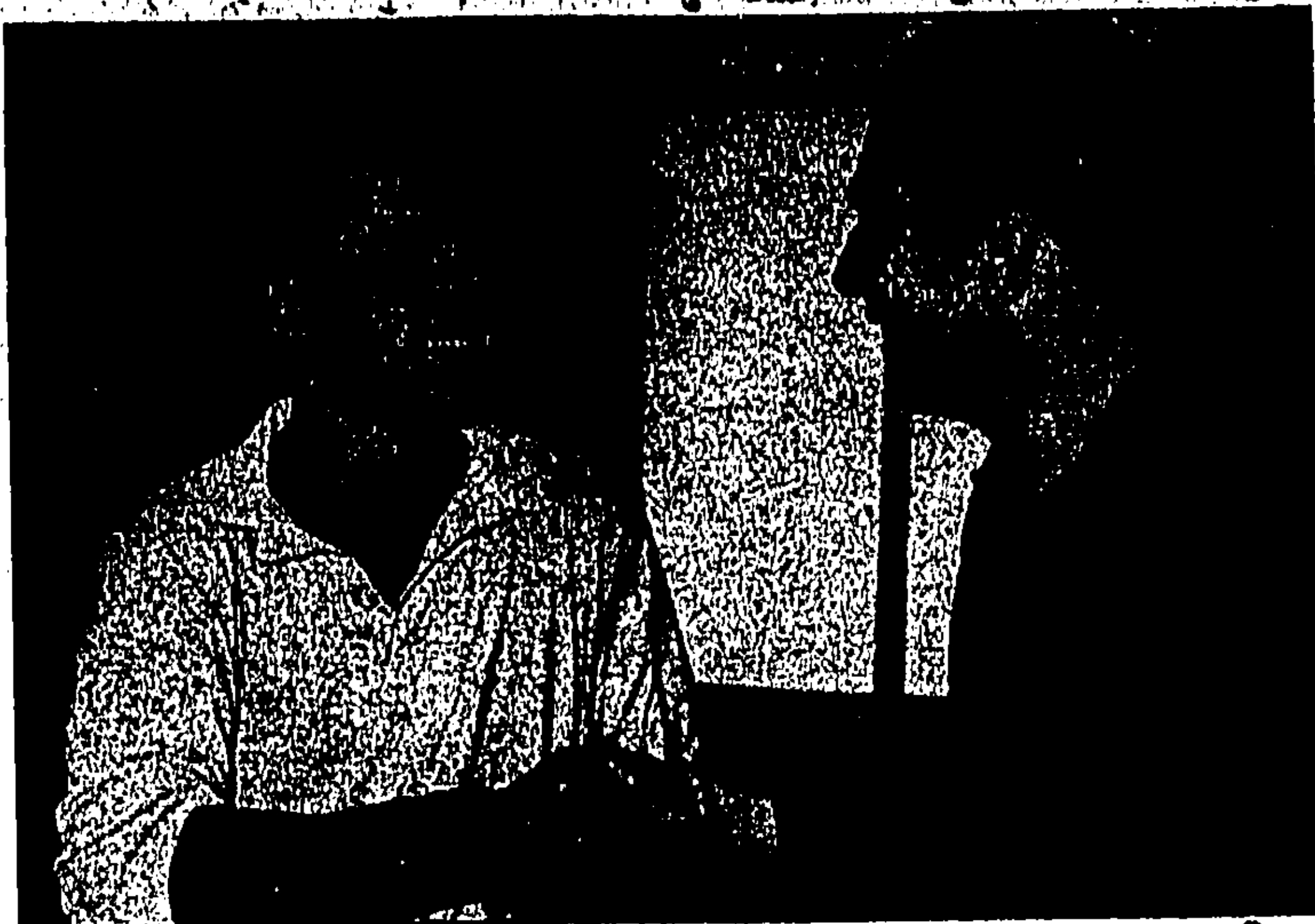
The Red Banner team impressed me as do all Hungarian teams who use the ball quickly and accurately.

This is the basis of their game and although we now "play" them better than a few seasons back when their style was new and novel, they still manage to produce top-grade stuff which has the fans in raptures.

How the Red Banner men, for example, were able to play so delightfully—as millions saw on television—is beyond me, for never before has any football team played beneath so dark a cloud.

May they return, under happier conditions, again to delight us with their Soccer artistry.

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Pat Neil (left) is greeted by Wolves colleague Bill Shorthouse.

## MARCIANO'S MANAGER SAYS....

## A British Boxer Will Be World Heavyweight Champion In Six Years' Time

By DEREK JOHN

In six years' time a British boxer will be world heavyweight champion. So says an American.

The Yank in question is Al Weill, famous as manager of Rocky Marciano.

The British boxer is Dave Rent, ABA Amateur Champion, the lad they didn't think good enough to send to the Olympics.

Rent has now turned professional, gone to Canada and signed up with Weill. His first professional fight is in January.

"Heavyweights take a long time to mature," says Weill. His views on champions must be respected. He has been in boxing for 43 years, since he left his native Alsace-Lorraine when he was 15.

He gained fame first by managing world Lightweight Champion Lou Ambers, and continued the good work by handling waterweight titleholder Marty Servo.

He made post-war progress by turning Rocky Marciano from a ditch-digger into Heavyweight Champion of the World.

"All I ask from a fighter is the ability to punch and to have guts," says Weill. "That's all Marciano had. Rent's got it, too."

Rent now lives in Toronto and works for a film director friend of Weill's who allows him time off for training.

## THOSE WHO WAIT

Everything comes to those who wait—After 36 years, the soccer men of England have got a rise in bonus rates. From January 1, League players will collect £3 for a win and 30s for a draw. Previous rates were £2 and 2s, respectively.

Within the next few days the world will welcome various Sportsmen of the Year. We will rejoice in the deeds of the Lakers, Kuts and the Bonds.

Let us also remember men who do not hit the big headlines, but who live for sport and make a tremendous contribution to it.

Such a man is Paul Gibb, a Cambridge graduate. Next season, he will take on a job where the reward is small, the fame smaller, but the service great. He will become a cricket umpire.

This is the first time an Old Blue has taken such a job. Gibb is fond of setting precedents. He was the first, and so far only, ex-Varsity player to become a professional.

That was in 1931. He resigned from the board of a large London clothing firm to turn professional with Essex at the age of 38. He had previously been an amateur with Yorkshire, and played for England.

The following summer, at the age of 40, he was the most successful wicketkeeper in England, claiming 87 victims in the season.

Financially, that move must have cost Gibb well over £1,000 a year. Now he faces an even bigger drop. As an umpire, earning £5 a week plus £5 match money, the most he can earn in a season is £300.

## MINOR UPSETS

One thing looms clearly in the current series of minor upsets in the MCC's tour of South Africa: the Springboks are now as tough a Test team as any in the world.

To the tremendous enthusiasm and application to duty they showed in England last year, they have added all the tricks of the trade—go-slow tactics in the field and looking anywhere but at the umpire when there is an appeal for a catch.

The cause of the change? "We learned the tricks from the Aussies," say the South Africans.

Hogan's Hazy? Nigeria's Eric Pire? Featherweight? Boxing

Champion, is going a-wandering. And he hopes to pick up a world title on the way.

On January 10, Bassey tackles Philippines Featherweight Champion Flash Elorde in Manila. If all goes well there, he will probably move on to Tokyo to meet the Japanese Champion.

From there, he will go to the United States. Manager George Biddies wants the Americans to have a good look at Hogan.

Biddies thinks that America will then recognise Bassey as the rightful number one contender for Sandy Saddler's world crown.

And if Bassey can get Saddler into the ring, then prepare to welcome Nigeria's first world boxing champion. The American negro has been a tough champion, a great champion, but he is not as mobile as he was and I don't think he will be able to keep out of the way of a man who, pound for pound, hits harder than any fighter in the world.

## GOOD CONDUCT

Keith Miller and Ray Lindwall have had their £300 good conduct bonuses for the four years of their summer withhold by tour manager Bill Dowling.

Says Dowling: "The money has not been paid in case it is proved the players have broken their contract with the Board of Cricket Control."

He added that both Miller and Lindwall had caused newspaper articles to be published during the tour, although the contract they had signed stipulated they should not write nor supply information to newspapers.

The final decision will be taken at the meeting of the Board of Control in Melbourne on January 2. Both Dowling and the team assistant manager, Bill Rush, are members of the Board.

Lindwall had been tipped as captain of the team to visit South Africa next year.

At the end of this month, Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall will doubtless retain the Davis Cup for Australia. And it's just as likely that that will split the most famous partnership in modern amateur tennis. Rosewall has been offered £24,000 to join Jack Kramer's professional "circus". It's likely he will accept. One thing that will deter him, I reckon, is the desire to have another go at winning Wimbledon. He has twice been runner-up.

If Rosewall does turn pro, it's unlikely to be the end of his partnership with Hoad. Kramer wants hard-hitting Lew as well. He thinks the chunky Wimbledon Champion is just the man to match with powerful Pancho Gonzales.

## U.S. OR RUSSIA?

Who won the Olympic Games, America or Russia? Well, according to the United States, not Russia. J. Z. Bingham, Executive Director of the American Olympic Committee, has blasted Russia's claim to victory over America in the unofficial Olympic team championship. "We respect the Olympic and sporting competition by Mos-

## Newmarket Sales Tell A Sorry Tale

By JAMES PARK

The Newmarket Sales tell a sorry tale. The mighty dollar was seldom beaten; buyers came from all over the world but those from USA topped the poll by a wide margin. What a flop the sales would have been without foreign currency.

That is very satisfactory from the seller's point of view but the same cannot be said of the balance sheet when it comes to be made up. There has been a steady drain on our resources and part of it has been due to nothing more than American commercialism.

We cannot kick against other countries who want to buy our best bloodstock. That has been part of the thoroughbred breeding industry throughout the years. When it comes to buying foals with the sole purpose of selling them as yearlings that is a different matter.

## PAYING BUSINESS

Quite a number of the best foals sent up at Newmarket were bought in the hope of making a profit when put on the American market as yearlings. It has proved a paying business in the past and as long as there is money to be made it will continue.

The curious thing is that the Americans have almost dropped out of the yearling market.

Somehow the yearlings bought in Britain have not come up to expectations. It is different when foals are secured and have time to get acclimatised to American conditions before starting their racing career.

I suppose we should be flattered by the compliment, but there is the long-term view to be considered. We cannot afford to sell our best stallions, mares and foals indiscriminately without touching rock-bottom.

## THE PENALTY

We have been paying the penalty on the racetrack ever since the war. Last year we lost the Derby, Oaks and St. Leger to France. We shall go on doing so unless some means can be devised to enable us to retain the best of our stock.

Lord Derby is President of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and he told the annual general meeting the other week that owing to taxation and the cost of racing in Britain we cannot compete with the big owner-breeders in France who are so much better placed. That is perfectly correct but the fact remains that we are selling too many of our horses bred on the right lines.

Hyperion has been one of our best stallions for a number of years, but his stock has been snapped up to such an extent by foreign buyers that very few of Hyperion's sons are left in Britain to perpetuate his fame.

## NOT TOO LATE

That has nothing to do with Lord Derby, but it is obvious too many breeders or owners are more concerned with cash value than the importance of maintaining the industry at the highest level.

If only they would look a little further ahead they might realise that in time they will have little to sell that is of any value.

In the popular phrase they are simply cutting off their nose to spite their face. It is not yet too late if only they can read the signs aright.

(London Express Service).

## Cup Curiosity

Goole Town went into the "hat" for the Third Round draw of the FA Cup competition because of their drawn game with Workington. They were one of four non-League teams in the entire country to do so. Yet Goole are firmly entrenched at the bottom of the minor Midland League in which they meet and lose to reserve teams of League clubs. Ten defeats in fourteen matches so far this season.

## ONE AT A TIME

By HENRY LONGHURST

In the early days of the war it fell to my lot to be taught to drive a motor vehicle by a ginger-haired young fellow called Syd from Bow in East London—and if he reads this, which is perhaps doubtful, I should be delighted to hear from him. Together we used to circuit the hydros of north Blackpool in our commandeered coal truck and such was my progress, due partly to Syd's inspired instructions and partly maybe to the fact that I had held my first driving licence when he was aged three, that soon I was promoted to be an instructor myself.

Sitting in an apparently relaxed hands-on-knees position, thus concealing from the pupil that in less than two seconds my right hand could switch off the ignition and grab the hand-brake, and occasionally wrestling for possession of the steering wheel as lamp-posts, cyclists and stationary milk floats loomed before the radiator, I took on all comers—one in front, four waiting their turn in the back—and of these an elderly ex-schoolmaster, who must have been at least 35, remains in my mind. He committed my instructions to memory and could be heard, as we launched forth, muttering "Signal, brake, clutch, gear."

One day, mopping his brow as his stint came to an end, he said, "You know, I always reckoned that if I could get one fact into a boy's head in one day I was doing well. Now I seem to have to remember about a hundred." Later I heard the same principle enunciated by Lord Woolton on political canvassing. "A vote for Mr. So-and-so is a vote for..." whatever might be in vogue at the moment. One fact and one only.

The point of this preamble is that what is good for learner-drivers and Conservative canvassers is just as good, I am sure, for golfers. The principle was accepted at any rate by the proprietors of the lush American magazine, "Sports Illustrated," in setting out to provide golf instruction in

## NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

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3 Onlookers  
4 Oarsman  
5 Fatigue  
6 Steep ascents  
7 Falls  
8 Before Mark  
9 Exploits  
10 Vessels  
11 Sand or shingle?

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California Considers Abolition  
Of Death Sentence

By WILLIAM FLYNN

San Francisco, Dec. 19.

California is considering the abolition  
of capital punishment.

The demand that executions  
be ended has been growing  
slowly during the past few  
years. Now an Assembly  
(legislative) committee is con-  
ducting extensive hearings as  
the basis of future action.

Opening the hearings here,  
Mr. Lester E. McMillan,  
member for Los Angeles, chair-  
man of the investigating com-  
mittee declared: "Something is  
radically wrong with the  
capital punishment law as  
administered in California."

In addition to the usual  
arguments that capital punish-  
ment is inhuman, there had  
developed a situation in  
California, he added, which  
raises the question whether  
capital punishment is equitable.

## THREE CASES

Three cases have focused  
public attention on the punish-  
ment which has been an in-  
stitution in the area since the  
region was first settled by the  
Spanish explorers before 1776.  
One of them was the execution  
of Barbara Graham, a convicted  
"gun moll." The other two  
cases involve three men.

The case of Barbara Graham  
and one of the men, Cary  
Chesman, involve legal as well  
as humanitarian questions. The  
case of the other two men  
involved equitable justice.

There was no question,  
according to the judgment of  
the trial jury and the appeal  
courts, that Graham was guilty  
of pistol whipping a woman to  
death during a robbery attempt.  
She had a long record of  
brushes with the law.

But when it came to the time  
for her to die in California's  
sole gas chamber there  
was an outcry from the public  
that a woman should not be  
executed for murder.

Some of those who protested  
were attorneys. They filed a  
series of petitions with the  
State Supreme Court on the  
morning she was to die,  
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stepped into the execution  
chamber, and had even seated  
herself in the death chair when  
the prison wardens rushed to the  
scene and mumbled that another  
writ had been filed, another  
stay had been granted.

## SCARCELY ALIVE

The woman seemed scarcely  
alive as she was half carried  
back to her cell.

The High Court rejected  
the plea an hour later, and she  
returned to the execution  
chamber to die.

This prolongation of her  
execution caused the public and  
the courts to reconsider the  
question of how many times a  
stay of execution could be  
granted.

The case of Chesman has  
attracted international attention.  
More than eight years ago, he  
was sentenced to death for  
kidnapping and assault of a  
girl who was a minor—a crime  
punishable by death in  
California.

He wrote several books  
which became best sellers. He  
also studied law in his death  
row cell. With his money and  
his legal knowledge, he has  
stayed off death for almost ten  
years. His case is now on its  
way to the United States  
Supreme Court.

Former inmates of Death Row  
cells, with whom Chesman  
executed, have been  
executed. They had neither  
the money nor the legal learning  
to fight these sentences.

This question of continual  
appeal is also of concern to the  
Assembly committee, particularly  
the question of who should  
finance such appeals.

## CHARGED JOINTLY

Then there is the third case  
of equal justice.

Two men were arrested for  
murder during a robbery in  
northern California. They were  
charged jointly.

One entered a plea of guilty,  
thereby escaping the death  
penalty which is prohibited  
under such a plea under  
California law. He was  
sentenced to life imprisonment  
with the possibility of release  
on parole after 15 years.

His partner in crime entered  
a plea of not guilty, was  
convicted of first degree murder  
and executed.

There are those who contend  
that in such a case there is a  
double standard of justice in  
California.

In the United States there are  
three means of administering  
death legally—hanging, elec-  
trocution, and the gas chamber.  
One State, Utah, gives the  
condemned prisoner the choice  
of hanging or shooting. Most  
of them choose shooting by a  
civilian firing squad.

One man explained his  
choice with the question:  
"Which will cost the taxpayers  
most?"

"Hanging," he was told.  
"Okay, I'll take hanging," he  
replied.

## MORE HUMANE

But the majority are not con-  
cerned about the cost. They  
believe that death by the bullet  
is more humane.

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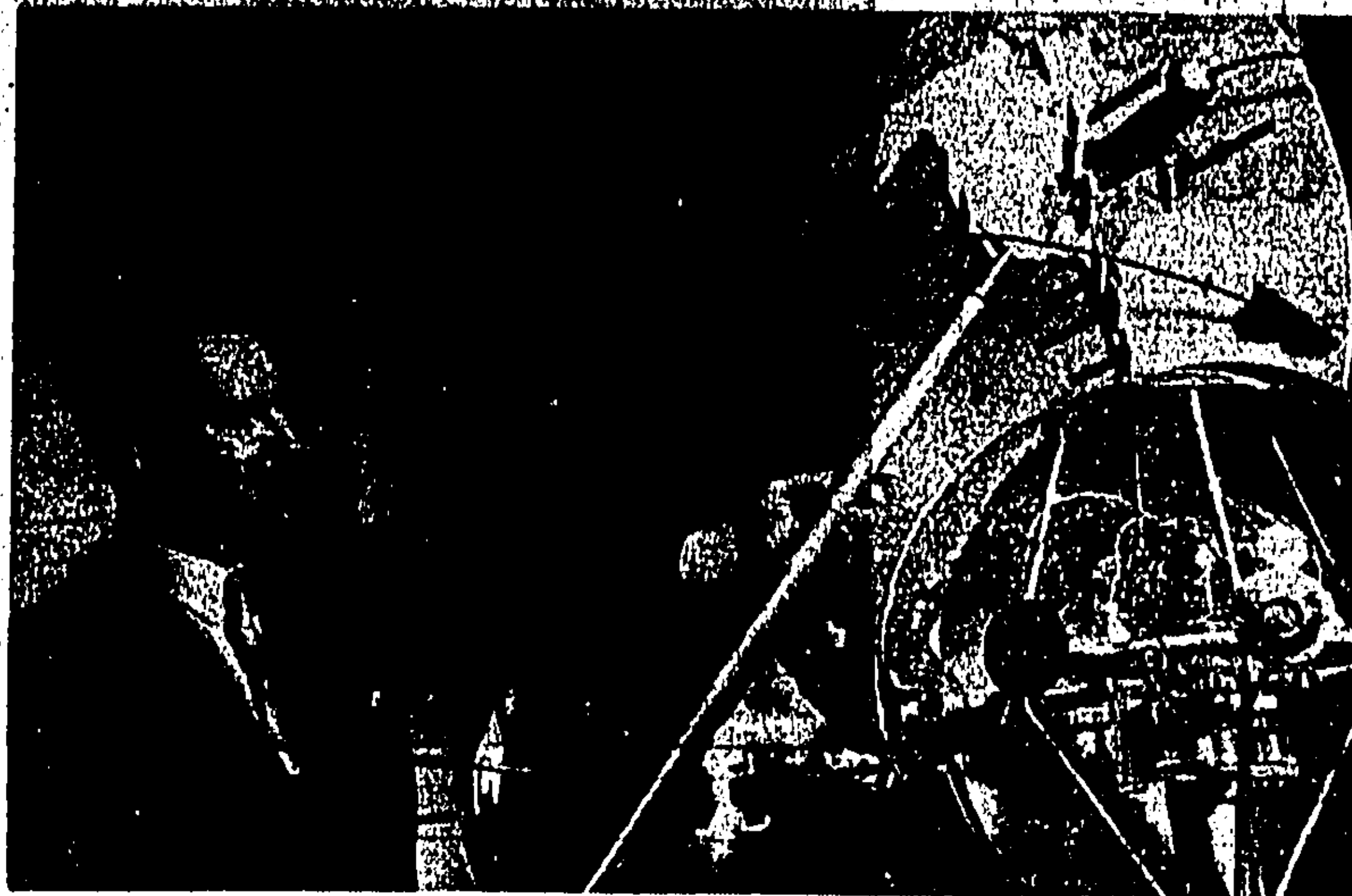
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Dr. Hagen, head of the US Naval Research Laboratory's Vanguard earth satellite project, shows reporters a model of the satellite at a press conference of the project. — Express Photo.

## Nixon Arrives In Vienna

Vienna, Dec. 19.

American Vice-President,  
Richard Nixon, said on ar-  
rival in Vienna today that  
the United States was "fully  
determined" to take a "full  
share" in meeting the needs  
of Hungarian refugees in  
Austria.

Nixon, acting as President  
Eisenhower's personal repre-  
sentative, said he intended to make  
as accurate an estimate as pos-  
sible of "the number of refugees  
the United States should be  
prepared to receive, the changes  
in the existing (US) law which  
would be necessary for their  
admission to the United States  
and the financial obligation the  
United States should be pre-  
pared to assume."

## PAID TRIBUTE

The Vice-President paid  
tribute to the aid given to the  
Hungarians by the Austrians.  
He said: "We are filled with  
admiration for the selfless man-

ner in which the Austrian people  
have given help to the re-  
fugees."

He referred also to the  
"generous and unselfish con-  
tribution being made by other  
peoples throughout the world,"  
and said at least 17 nations had  
already received refugees and  
20 had contributed financial or  
other assistance.

HEARTFELT  
SYMPATHY

Nixon said he had brought  
1,000 pounds of insulin for use  
in Austria and Hungary,  
together with cheques totalling  
\$450,000 for American volunteer  
aid, as a "tangible symbol" of  
the "feeling the American people  
have for the refugees."

He added: "However, no  
amount of money or material  
can possibly express the heart-  
felt sympathy that all of our  
people have experienced in these  
days of suffering for the  
courageous people of Hungary."

He concluded: "I can only say  
that the people of the United  
States consider it a privilege to  
add our own modest contribu-  
tion to those of the people of  
Austria and other free nations  
in helping to bring at least some  
of the spirit of Christmas to our  
friends from Hungary, who  
must spend this Christmas  
away from their homes."  
—France-Press.

SATELLITE  
MODELSURVIVED NINE  
GERMAN  
TORPEDOINGS

Miami, Dec. 19.

John Staniszewski, a merchant seaman  
known as "Indestructible John" because he  
survived nine German torpedoings, is dead.

Ironically, Staniszewski, who  
lived here with his wife, was  
killed in an explosion at sea,  
aboard the tanker, Amoco  
Maine, near New Orleans, in  
the Gulf of Mexico.

But he lived long enough to  
receive what he wanted most in  
life—United States citizenship.  
Although 63, he cast his first  
vote in an election this year,  
signifying the successful end of  
a 44-year struggle to become a  
citizen.

## BORN AT POZNAN

Born at Poznan, in Poland, in  
1893, when it was a German  
possession, he came to this  
country at the age of 17 to  
escape conscription into the  
German army. Although he  
served with the United States  
Merchant Marine over 35 years  
and in two world wars, he was,  
because of a technicality, a  
deportable alien.

Because of his knowledge of  
the English language, Staniszew-  
ski was mistaken for an Ameri-  
can when he first shipped on  
an American vessel. His  
papers were stamped "American  
citizen." He thought that  
meant that he was an American  
citizen.

During World War I, no one  
challenged him. He served in  
the Merchant Marine, was tor-  
pedoed seven times, lost the  
toes of one foot and became  
partially deaf.

## PERJURY

It was not until 1937 that an  
immigration officer questioned  
his citizenship. Staniszewski  
was convicted of perjury for  
claiming citizenship.

A long period of uncertainty  
with the law began and con-  
tinued until World War II,  
when he received temporary  
papers allowing him to serve again  
in the Merchant Marine.

Two more ships were tor-  
pedoed under him. Recovering  
from injuries after the  
second torpedoing, he learned

that he would be released from  
Ellis Island only to continue  
war service. That was when  
he met his wife.

## OFFICE TO OFFICE

After their marriage, they  
began to fight together for his  
citizenship. It took 10 years  
going from office to office, and  
from official to official, before  
the necessary papers, some of  
which had been lost at sea,  
were collected and Court hear-  
ings completed.

In 1934, he received his  
citizenship and this year cast his  
first vote.—China Mail Special.

French Use  
Artillery  
In Algeria

Algiers, Dec. 19.

French troops, supported by  
artillery, carried out a major  
operation against Algerian re-  
bels in the Blida and Souma-  
sector, killing nine rebels and  
capturing another.

In the Chaabet El Aurouj re-  
gion of the Kabylie Mountains,  
French troops continued an  
operation begun yesterday.

The toll of rebel losses in the  
operation today rose to two dead  
and four prisoners.

In the Constantine region,  
French helicopter-borne troops  
clashed with a rebel unit south-  
west of Bordj. Five  
rebels were captured.—France-  
Press.

## MINERS STILL OUT

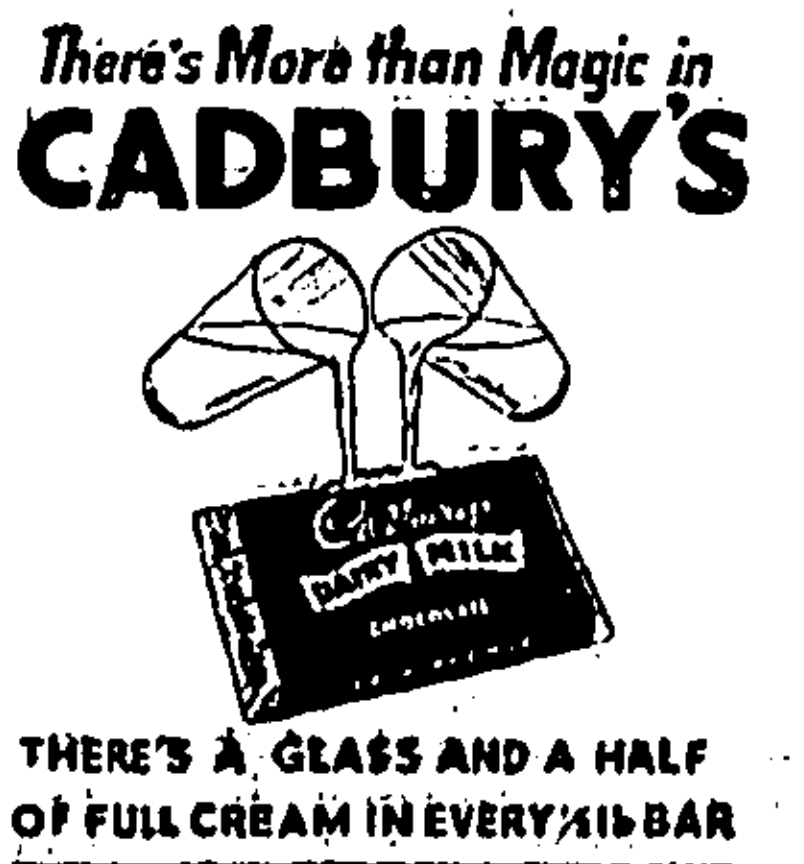
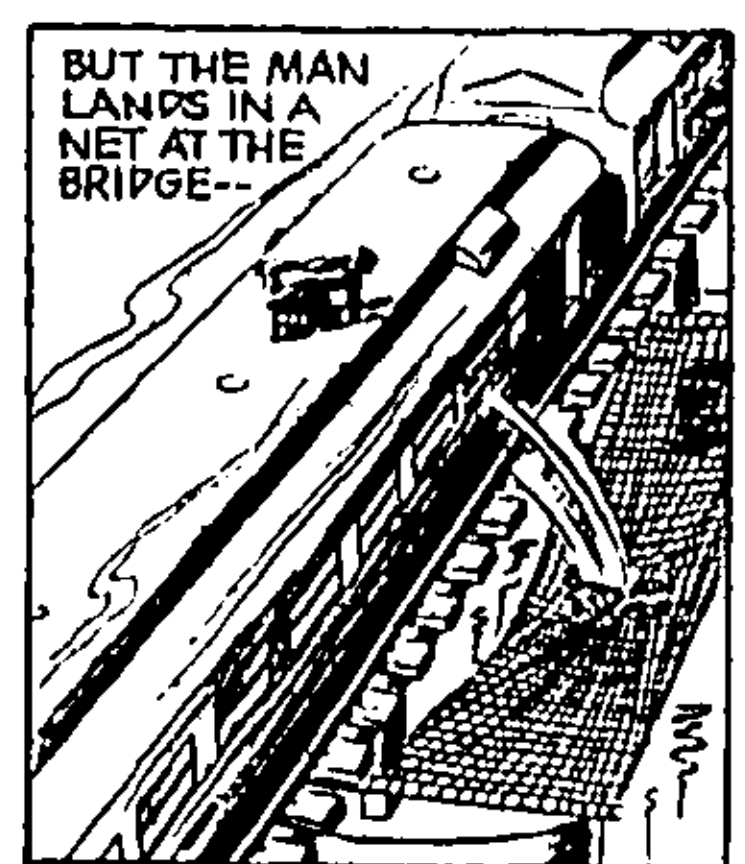
Kluge, Dec. 19.

The strike of 235 European  
miners at the Bancroft Copper  
Mine entered its eleventh day  
today with no sign of any  
imminent settlement.

The walkout is the result of a  
dispute between the under-  
ground manager and 13 artisans.  
—China Mail Special.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



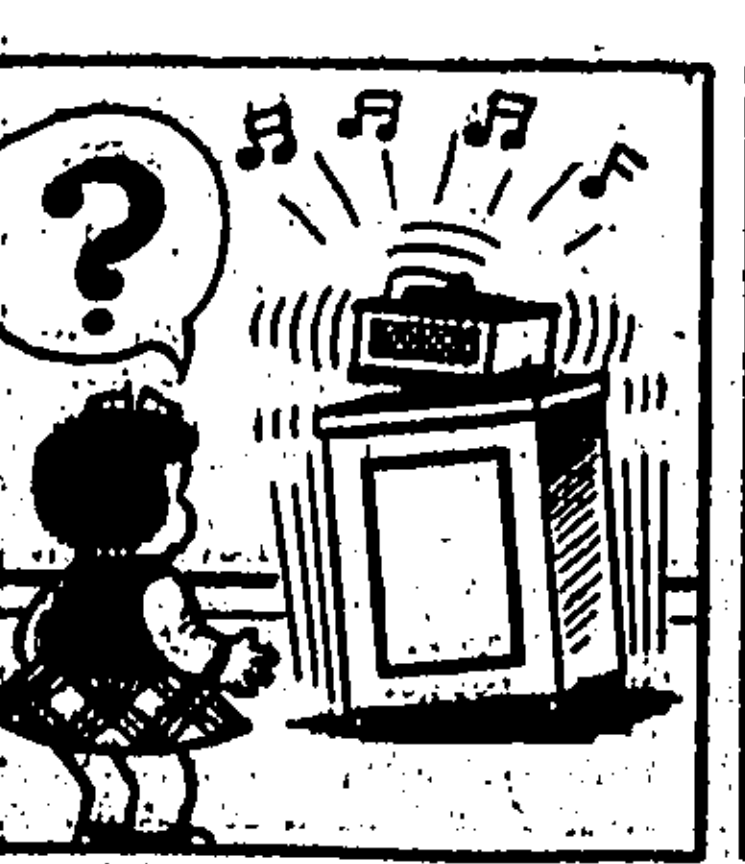
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BAGGAGE to the Hongkong &  
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GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE,  
By Noon on Saturday, 22nd December.

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carried by passengers themselves,  
ALL BAGGAGE must pass through  
the Wharf Co's Godown for loading  
on board by ship's elings only.

**EMBARKATION:** Passengers should embark between  
8.30 and 11.00 a.m. on 23rd December,  
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# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## US Shipping Lines Want More Freighters Released

### DELIVERY OF COAL AND OTHER COMMODITIES WELL BEHIND SCHEDULE

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Federal Maritime Board has been urged to increase the number of freighters to be released from the US reserve fleet to take care of export needs for coal and other commodities.

Following earlier pleas by Mr. Robert T. Merrill, head of the Shipping Division of the State Department, and Mr. George Rousset, US representative of the French Government Coal Importing Agency (ATIC), attorneys for shipping lines presented their cases to support their applications for a total of 157 ships for coal cargoes.

Present estimates of the number of "mothball" vessels needed to carry coal to Europe are far too conservative, the Board was told, in as much as the future needs for US coal on the Continent would greatly surpass all predictions.

Mr. William H. Naylor, Vice-President of the Pocomtux Fuel Company, said "there is no question that at the present time there are insufficient vessels in service available, either

under US or foreign flag, for the sea transportation of coal already sold, but undelivered, without regard to future requirements. Additional demand for future coal deliveries will even further increase this vessel shortage."

#### Move Anthracite

Mr. John McGowan, Vice-President of American Export Lines, Incorporated, said his company was negotiating with France, Italy and Yugoslavia for the movement of coal. Mr. John K. McDowell, general manager of the Starboard Shipping Company, said his firm wanted additional ships to move anthracite to Europe.

The only shipping executive to take opposite view was Mr. Douglas W. Barton, Senior

Vice-President of the A.H. Bull Steamship Company, recently acquired by American Coal Shipping. In a report, Mr. Barton stated in his testimony that more applications have been submitted for reserve ships than are needed. An early decision by the Federal Maritime Board on the applications is expected because the ship shortage has pushed freight rates up to record levels. China Mail Special.

### CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 19. Grain futures firmed in early dealings on the Board of Trade today and managed to hold the highest tone throughout the session.

In wheat, the December delivery made the most advance and had a marked influence on deferred positions. On the dips, there was demand for deferred contracts with shorts evening up before release of the Government winter wheat report later today.

Soybeans made an early upturn on firmness in the oil market. During later trade, however, prices weakened somewhat during fairly quiet trading.

In the export sales were only moderate, with small amounts of US wheat going to Yugoslavia and France. Heavy pending business was reported involving 10,000,000 bushels of US wheat to Greece, Pakistan and India.

Wheat closed up 5/4 to off 1/4 cent; soybeans up 3/4 to off 1/2 cent.

#### GRAIN PRICES

Wheat, No. 2, red	Spot	24 1/2
Dec. 24 (11) 200(L)	24 1/2	24 1/2
Mar.	24 1/2	24 1/2
May	24 1/2	24 1/2
July	24 1/2	24 1/2
Sept.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Corn, No. 2, yellow	Spot	13 1/2
Dec.	13 1/2	13 1/2
Mar.	13 1/2	13 1/2
May	13 1/2	13 1/2
July	13 1/2	13 1/2
Sept.	13 1/2	13 1/2
Oats	Spot	14 1/2
Dec.	14 1/2	14 1/2
Mar.	14 1/2	14 1/2
May	14 1/2	14 1/2
July	14 1/2	14 1/2
Sept.	14 1/2	14 1/2
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow	Spot	24 1/2
Dec.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Mar.	24 1/2	24 1/2
May	24 1/2	24 1/2
July	24 1/2	24 1/2
Sept.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Barley	Spot	130-145
New York flour	200 lb. sack	\$13.40n

### Mining In Colonies

London, Dec. 19.

Mr. Hector Hughes, Labour, asked in the House of Commons today what surveys had been made for the discovery and working of uranium and thorium in the colonies and with what result.

Mr. Leslie Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, replied that special surveys had been made in 11 colonial territories for the discovery of uranium and thorium. He said that the results of these surveys were as follows:

These have not yet been disclosed any major deposits of uranium capable of economic working. He added that thorium is being mined at Nigeria and Malaya.

### HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$284,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HSK Bank	1000		
East Asia	244		
SHIPPING			
Wharfedale (O)	7 1/2	7 1/2	1200 n 7 1/2
DOCKERS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	90	92	
Doan	47	46	700 n 47 1/2
Provident	12 1/2	13 1/2	125 n 13 1/2
LAND, ETC.			
HSK Land	14 1/2	15	
Really	1 1/2	1 1/2	20,000 n 1 1/2
RUBBER			
Amalg	1 1/2	1 1/2	
Tran	1 1/2	1 1/2	
UTILITIES			
Yuenan	23 1/2	23 1/2	100 n 23 1/2
C. Light (O)	102	104	100 n 103
Electric	31 1/2	32	201 n 31 1/2
Macao Elec	9 1/2	10	100 n 9 1/2
Te. (O)	24 1/2	24 1/2	100 n 24 1/2
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	500	500	30 n 500
Rope	12 1/2	12 1/2	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	18 1/2	19 1/2	525 n 18 1/2
Watson	13 1/2	13 1/2	
INVESTMENTS			
HK & FE	9 1/2	9 1/2	

### New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Dec. 19.

Closing rates were:	
Canada	\$1.04-3/16
England official	2.77-1/2
Australia	2.04-3/8
New Zealand	2.23
South Africa	2.77-1/2
Belgium	1.19-1/2
Germany	2.38
Sweden	2.00
Switzerland	2.00
Pakistan	2.00

—United Press

## New York Cotton Traders Cautious

New York, Dec. 19. Extremely quiet trading and narrowly irregular price changes continued to feature cotton dealings today.

Closing prices ruled 2 points higher to 4 points lower. The market opened unchanged to up 4 points. New Orleans closed net unchanged.

Traders were either more holiday-minded or preoccupied with extra caution in face of uncertainties about legislation when Congress reconvenes.

Other factors blanketing market interest included the question of the Government support rate for next season and extent of farmer participation in the roll bank programme.

Trading observers thought today's volume would fall below the 22,700 bales reported for Tuesday. This was the second smallest volume for a five-hour session in almost 10 1/2 years.

The record low volume on records of Commodity Exchange Administration, which date back to 1937, was 19,500 bales, posted on August 2, 1940.

The New York Cotton Exchange Service Bureau today estimated domestic consumption of all raw cotton in the five-week period ended Dec. 1 at 850,000 bales compared with 850,000 bales in the preceding four-week period and 741,000 bales in the four-week period ended Nov. 26 last year.

The certificated stock remained at 2,954 bales.

Month	Volume	Open interest
Dec.	1,500	287,000
Nov.	1,500	287,000
Oct.	1,500	287,000
Sept.	1,500	287,000
Aug.	1,500	287,000
July	1,500	287,000
June	1,500	287,000
May	1,500	287,000
April	1,500	287,000
March	1,500	287,000
February	1,500	287,000
January	1,500	287,000
Total	12,000	1,148,000

### Photo-Recording Of Aircraft Blueprints

Kansas City, Dec. 19.

TWA has become the first scheduled airline to adopt the new Micro-Master photographic system for the maintenance of its file of engineering drawings on new aircraft.

In about 40 containers, each no bigger than a bread box, 30,000 of the drawings covering every aspect of the new 8,000-mile Lockheed L-1049A will soon be flown from the Lockheed factory in Burbank to TWA's overhaul base at Kansas City.

Aside from the fact that the 4 x 6 inch negative "blueprint" is easier to handle, easier to read, and less susceptible to wear and tear, the 30,000 drawings of the L-1049A will occupy a storage area of only 15 square feet, compared to 392 square feet that would be needed had the airline used normal sized blueprints which mainly range from 24 x 36 inches to 3 by 7 feet.

### Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Dec. 20.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Opening	
Batu Lintang Rubber Co.	\$1.77
British Borneo Petroleum	50/6d
Syndicate	20/6d
Consolidated Tin Smelters	20/6d
Ord.	\$2.30
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	\$2.30
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Gamuda (Malaya) Limited	\$2.00
Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$2.00
Ind. Corp.	\$2.00
Hong Kong Tin Ltd.	\$2.00
Kempas Ltd.	\$2.00
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	\$2.00
Malaya Breweries	\$2.00
New Serendah Rubber Co.	\$2.00
Petaling Tin Ltd.	\$2.00
Real Estate	\$2.00
Singapore Cold Storage	\$2.00
Scott's British Insurance Co.	\$2.00
Ltd.	\$2.00
Strait Trading	\$2.00
Strait Steamship	\$2.00
United Engineers Ord.	\$2.00
Weir Ltd.	\$2.00
Wong Yee	\$2.00

—China Mail Special.

### Company Loses \$3,250,000

London, Dec. 19.

Associated Rediffusion Limited, London, commercial television contracting company, has incurred a loss of nearly \$3,250,000 since its incorporation in November 1954. It was announced today.

Mr. J. Spencer Willis, the company's chairman, said a loss of just about two million pounds was sustained in the 17 months from the date of the company's incorporation to April 30 this year.

"Being first in the field we have taken major part in the launching of independent television, and have had to bear the very substantial financial burden involved in doing so," Mr. Willis said. — China Mail Special.

### WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Dec. 19.

The No. 1 RSS rubber futures contract today closed 40 points lower with no sales reported.

The RFX contract closed 30 to 50 points lower with sales of 43 contracts.

January	36.20
March	36.20
May	36.20
July	36.20
September	36.20
November	36.20
January	36.20

Standard contract closed 50 to 60 points lower with no sales reported.

December	35.25
March	35.25
May	35.25
July	35.25
September	35.25
November	35.25
January	35.25

Liquidation before the long weekend holiday recess and lower London-Singapore cables kept prices on the defensive in an unusual quiet session.

Factory buying interest continued at a slow pace. Spot No. 1 RSS was quoted 30 1/2 cents.

#### SINGAPORE

The market opened below the previous close on lower overseas advices and it ruled quiet throughout the day with traders disinclined to deal.

Towards the close the market steadied on lack of sellers and some short covering. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Jan.	107 1/2-109
	Feb.	109 1/2-109
No. 2 rubber per lb.	Jan.	107-108
No. 3 "	"	104-105
No. 4 "	"	101-102
spot rubber unbaled "	"	112 1/2-113
blanket, crepe .....		85-89
No. 1 pale crepe .....		132-134

#### LONDON

The market was steady with spot quoted at 31 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 RSS spot	31 1/2-31 3/4
Settlement house term	31 1/2-31 3/4
Feb.	31 1/2-31 3/4
Mar.	31 1/2-31 3/4
Apr./June	31 1/2-31 3/4
July/Sept.	31 1/2-31 3/4
Oct./Dec.	31 1/2-31 3/4
General market, all grades	31 1/2-31 3/4
Jan.	31 1/2-31 3/4
Feb.	31 1/2-31 3/4
Mar.	31 1/2-31 3/4
Apr./June	31 1/2-31 3/4
July/Sept.	31 1/2-31 3/4
Oct./Dec.	31 1/2-31 3/4
Estate crepe (thin Jan. 30 sellers thick	30 1/2

#### AMSTERDAM

The market was very quiet. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif Jan. as follows:

per kilogram, cif Jan.	
follows:	
No. 1 rubber	3.00 nom.
No. 2 rubber	3.04 nom.
No. 3 rubber	3.00 nom.
No. 1 crepe	3.60 nom.

—United Press.

### London Foreign Exchange

London, Dec. 19.

Closing rates were:

New York	2.77-1/2
Amsterdam	10.84-10.84 1/2
Brussels	10.84-10.84 1/2
Copenhagen	10.84-10.84 1/2
Frankfurt	10.84-10.84 1/2
Geneva	10.84-10.84 1/2
Madrid	10.84-10.84 1/2
Paris	10.84-10.84 1/2
Stockholm	10.84-10.84 1/2
Zurich	10.84-10.84 1/2

#### Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local market at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	10.84
Swedish krona (per 100)	12.50
Australian dollar (per \$1)	12.50
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	12.50
Singapore dollar (per \$1)	12.50

#### NAMISAKES

Answers—1 Calais, 2 Wex, 3 Spectator, 4 Stocks, 5 Robinson, 6 Clive, 7 Wiggins, 8 Maxwell, 9 Adventures, 10 Books, 11 Beach, 12 Captain Webb (The Channel swimmer).

## EXPLOITATION OF FRENCH SAHARA

Paris, Dec. 19.

The French National Assembly has begun an important debate on the best way of exploiting the vast natural resources lying under the French Sahara.

Recent discoveries of rich deposits of oil, natural gas, iron and coal, and encouraging prospects for uranium and other key minerals, have led many observers here to predict that the Sahara may prove vital for the energy needs of France and even for Western Europe.

Before the Assembly is a Government project to set up a central body to co-ordinate the economic development of 3,600,000 square kilometres of sparsely-inhabited desert regions at present administratively attached to Algeria, part of Metropolitan France and French West and Equatorial Africa.

#### Streamlining

Under the Government plan a "Joint Organisation for the Sahara Regions" would exercise economic control over the various territories, thus streamlining and greatly simplifying development plans.

The area of the scheme covers Southern Algeria, territory lying south of newly-independent Morocco and Tunisia, and another strip of desert territory to the south extending from Dakar in Senegal to Fort Lamy in the Tchad. The region is bordered to the south by the French possessions of Senegal, French Sudan, Niger and Tchad and on the east by Libya and the Sudan.

Purely tentative figures are that an investment of 150,000 million francs would be needed for a possible annual production of 10 million tons of oil and a daily output of four million cubic metres of natural gas. —China Mail Special.

### London Market Quiet

London, Dec. 19.

Quietness dominated the Stock Exchange today with volume down to the lowest this year.

With nothing concrete to influence the market, traders left many issues alone, bid down some blue chips slightly and raised prices a bit for some of the oils.

There was little interest also in foreign bonds and dollar stocks. Chinese liens improved fractionally in the former, while dollar stocks all were easier.

A few of the blue chips were marked down 8 or 9 pence. The nuclear atom team—Reynolds and Parsons—were ex-dividend and conventionally marked down between 1 and 2 shillings.

In the oils Royal Dutch was marked up 5 shillings and Shell Transport up more than 1 shilling with trading moderate in both cases.

Suez Canal rose 15 shillings to £53 1/2.—United Press.

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